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Bailie Claire McLaren
Councillor Frank Smith

Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee

Wednesday, 07 September 2022

AGENDA

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO DECLARE ANY FINANCIAL OR NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST WHICH THEY MAY HAVE IN ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT.

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HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee held in the Chambers on 15 June 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Ahern, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Chan, S Donaldson, M Frampton, Illingworth (substituting for Councillor I James), B Leishman, I MacPherson, S McCole, T McEwan, C McLaren, F Smith and J Welch.

In Attendance: T Glen, Chief Executive; B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities); E Ritchie, N Lennon, F Crofts, F Robertson (up to and including Item 8), D Stokoe (up to and including Item 7), L Haxton (up to and including Item 7) and J Gardner (all Communities); N Rogerson (Education and Children's Services); A Taylor, A Brown, M Pasternak and (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent P Davison and Chief Inspector T Leonard (up to and including Item 5) (both Police Scotland) and; Area Manager S Gibson and Station Commander M Rumgay (up to and including Item 5) (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Apologies: Councillors R Brock and I James.

Councillor T McEwan, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Parrott welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence and a substitute were noted as above

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 23 March 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the removal of Councillor Ahern's non-financial declaration of interest which was included in error.

4. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The Convener advised that this Item had been withdrawn from the agenda to allow further discussion as part of the changes to the Scheme of Administration at the next meeting of Full Council to be held on 22 June 2022.

5. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

(i) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REPORT – 1 JANUARY 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2022

There was submitted a report by Area Manager S Wood, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (22/132) containing performance information relating to the fourth quarter, (1 January - 31 March 2022) of 2021/22 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Area Manager Gibson and Station Commander Rungay answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following link.

Resolved:

The update on operational and community safety engagement activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Perth and Kinross area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2022, be noted.

(ii) PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA QUARTER 4 POLICE REPORT – 1 JANUARY 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2022

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent P Davison, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (22/133) on the performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area as set out in the Local Policing Plan for the fourth quarter, 1 January to 31 March 2022.

Chief Superintendent Davison and Chief Inspector Leonard answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following link.

Resolved:

The update on performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2022, be noted.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT P DAVISON, CHIEF INSPECTOR T LEONARD, AREA MANAGER S GIBSON AND STATION COMMANDER M RUMGAY ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Culture and Community Services (22/134) providing an update on progress with Community Planning priorities since 23 March 2022.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 22/134, be noted.

7. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Culture and Community Services (22/135) seeking approval of the Community Empowerment Annual Report for 2021/22.

Resolved:

The Community Empowerment Annual Report 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 22/135, be approved.

L HAXTON AND D STOKOE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

8. COMMUNITIES JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022/23 AND SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

There was submitted a report by Head of Business and Resources (22/119) (1) detailing progress against targets and improvement actions over the last year; and (2) setting out priority focus areas for the coming year to support delivery of the Council's strategic objectives and outcomes.

Resolved:

- (i) The Communities Joint Business Management Improvement Plan 2022/23 and Annual Performance Reports 2021/22 for the areas which fall within their remit, be approved.
- (ii) The comments from the Scrutiny and Performance Committee on the format of future Business Management and Improvement Plans and Annual Performance Reports, be noted.

F ROBERTSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

9. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022/23 AND SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/137) presenting the Joint Service Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for 2022/23 and the Annual Performance Report 2021/22 for Education and Children's Services.

Resolved:

- (i) The Education and Children's Services Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2022/23 and Annual Performance Report 2021/22, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 21/137, relating specifically to Criminal Justice Services, be approved.
- (ii) The comments from the Scrutiny and Performance Committee on the format of future Business Management and Improvement Plans and Annual Performance Reports, be noted.

10. COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDERS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/136) providing an update for the period 2020-21 on the operation of Community Payback Orders in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The work undertaken by the Public Protection and Unpaid Work Teams in respect of Community Payback Orders in Perth and Kinross for the year 2020-21, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) bring forward a report regarding the activity and performance of Community Payback Orders in twelve months' time.

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## HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELLBEING

### OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT (OBS)

Please note that this statement sets out outstanding decisions of Council / this committee / sub-committee along with an update and estimated completion date. Actions which are overdue are shaded for ease of reference. Where an update reflects that an action is complete then agreement will be sought to its removal from the OBS.

| No | Date / Minute Reference / Report Number    | Subject Title                                                   | Outstanding Action                                                                                                                         | Update                                                                                                                   | Lead Officer /Service       | Action Due/completed | Action Expected  |
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| 1. | 15 June 2022.<br>Item 3                    | Minute of Previous Meeting (Item 7 – Post-Meeting Note)         | Update Committee on any progress made with the transfer of Bobbin Mill, Pitlochry onto the HRA                                             | Report providing an update on Bobbin Mill, Pitlochry is an Item on the agenda for the 7 <sup>th</sup> September meeting. | Exec Director (Communities) | TBC                  | 7 September 2022 |
| 2. | 15 June 2022.<br>Item 5(ii). Report 22/133 | Police Scotland Quarter 4 Police Report – 1 Jan – 31 March 2022 | Provide Committee with further breakdown on vehicles stopped with no tax / MOT certificate and the number of which were European vehicles. | TBC                                                                                                                      | Police Scotland             | TBC                  | 7 September 2022 |
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**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE**

**7 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Report by Area Manager Scott Gibson, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and  
Rescue Service  
(Report No 22/199)**

**SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2022**

**Abstract**

The Reports contain performance information relating to the first quarter (1 April – 30 June) of 2022-23 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in support of Member scrutiny of local service delivery.

**1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide information for the Committee regarding the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, against the priorities, performance indicators and targets detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2020-23, to facilitate local scrutiny.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members:

Note, scrutinise, and question the content of this report.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**4 PERFORMANCE**

- 4.1 A performance management framework has been developed to facilitate the monitoring of performance against the agreed priorities and outcomes ensuring effective targeting of resources and the principles of Best Value are met.

- 4.2 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross 2020-23 was approved by the Housing and Communities Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2020.
- 4.3 The priorities and outcomes contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan reflect 'place' and the contribution of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to the Perth and Kinross Community Plan (LOIP) 2017-27 and Community Planning Partnership.
- 4.4 In summary the following local priorities and targets are detailed within the plan:
- Priority 1 - Improving Fire Safety in the Home
  - Priority 2 - Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community
  - Priority 3 - Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm
  - Priority 4 - Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
  - Priority 5 - Reducing Deliberate Fires
  - Priority 6 - Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness
- 4.5 Appendix 1 attached to this report provides a detailed breakdown and analysis of all data collected during the reporting period. A performance summary and scorecard is detailed on page 6 of the report. In addition, further sections are included to provide Members with an overview of a range of notable incidents and events undertaken by the local personnel/stations in support of prevention activities and preparation for emergency response.

## **5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

## **6 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

- 6.1 There are no environmental issues arising as a consequence of this report.

## **7 SUMMARY**

- 7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant community safety engagement activities and operational matters; and gives context to the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Perth and Kinross area.

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## QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

*Covering the activities and performance in support of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross.*



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**Quarter One: 2022/23**

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## **ABOUT THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT**

The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review.

Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be differences in the period totals quoted in our reports after original publication which result from revisions or additions to the data on our systems.

From 2015-16 onwards responsibility for the publication of end-year statistical data transferred from the Scottish Government to the SFRS. This change of responsibility does not affect the status of the figures quoted in this and other SFRS reports presented to the Committee.

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## INTRODUCTION

This quarter one monitoring report covers the SFRS's performance and activities in support of the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross, namely:

- Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home
- Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community
- Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm
- Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals
- Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires
- Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness

























As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Perth & Kinross Council Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as set out in the Perth & Kinross Community Plan (LOIP).

The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Perth & Kinross area, in terms of performance against headline indicators and targets. Most figures will not change; however, members should note that there may be some small variations for some indicators when the final confirmed figures are published by the SFRS.




The Perth & Kinross Council Housing and Communities Committee agreed the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross on 2 December 2020, covering a three-year period. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, 12 headline indicators and targets have been set, and form the basis of this quarterly monitoring report.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of quarter one activity and year to date (YTD) performance against Headline Indicators and annual targets. It aims to provide, at a glance, our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

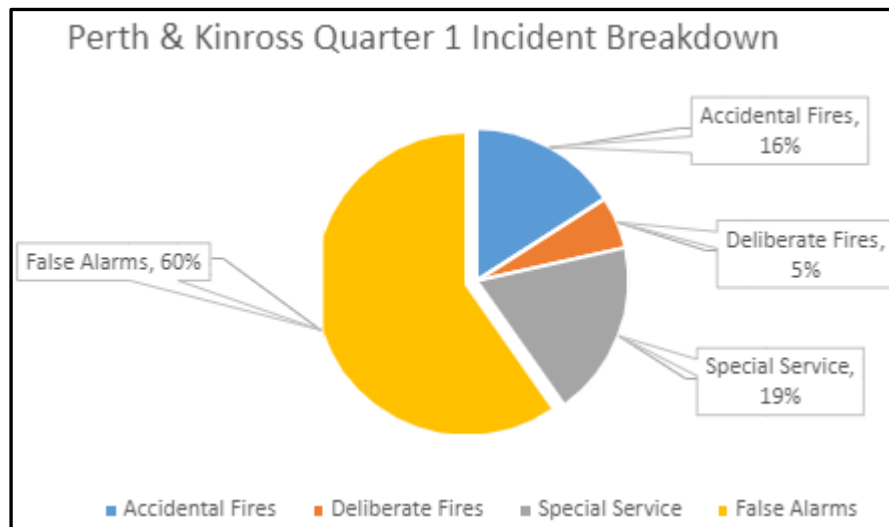
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| <p><b>HI 1</b><br/><b>Accident Dwelling Fires (ADF)</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 18 Incidents<br/>YTD – 18 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 104 Incidents</p>             | <p><b>HI 2</b><br/><b>ADF Fatal Casualties</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 0<br/>YTD – 0<br/>Annual Target – 0</p>                                         | <p><b>HI 3</b><br/><b>ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 1<br/>YTD – 1<br/>Annual Target – 18</p>                                        |
| <p><b>HI 4</b><br/><b>Non-domestic Building fires</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 11 Incidents<br/>YTD – 11 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 53 Incidents</p>                | <p><b>HI 5</b><br/><b>Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 0<br/>YTD – 0<br/>Annual Target – 0</p>              | <p><b>HI 6</b><br/><b>Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 0<br/>YTD – 0<br/>Annual Target – 2</p>              |
| <p><b>HI 7</b><br/><b>Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 17 Incidents<br/>YTD – 17 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 83 Incidents</p> | <p><b>HI 8</b><br/><b>Fatal RTC Casualties</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 0<br/>YTD – 0<br/>Annual Target – 0</p>                                     | <p><b>HI 9</b><br/><b>Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 7<br/>YTD – 7<br/>Annual Target – 70</p>                                    |
| <p><b>HI 10</b><br/><b>Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 117 Incidents<br/>YTD – 117 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 620 Incidents</p>        | <p><b>HI 11</b><br/><b>Deliberate Primary Fires</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 4 Incidents<br/>YTD – 4 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 29 Incidents</p> | <p><b>HI 12</b><br/><b>Deliberate Secondary Fires</b></p>   <p>Q1 – 18 Incidents<br/>YTD – 18 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 80 Incidents</p> |

### Year-to-Date Legend

|                                                                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | Below headline target               |
|  | Less than 10% above headline target |
|  | More than 10% above headline target |

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

During Quarter One (April - June) the SFRS attended a total of 413 incidents across Perth & Kinross.



Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for Quarter one 21/22:

- The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF's)** continues to decrease in the long term, reporting the lowest YTD number of ADFs in the last three years (18 incidents against an average of 34). The performance during quarter one reflects a similar decrease on same quarter last year (20) and on the three-year average.
- There were no **ADF Fatal Casualties**
- The number of **ADF Non-Fatal Casualties** (1) is below to the three year average (12).
- The number of **Non-Domestic Building fires** (11) is reflecting a decrease for this quarter, last quarter and is equal to the three-year average. There were no fatal casualties and no non-fatal casualties reported for quarter one in non-domestic building fires.
- The number of **Road Traffic Collisions** for quarter one is reflecting an increase against the three year average for this quarter (11 against 14). There is a decrease on the same quarter last year and the YTD numbers. There were no **Fatal RTC Casualties** reported for this quarter whilst **Non-Fatal RTC Casualties** is reporting seven. The number of RTC casualties is the lowest for the last three years for this quarter and YTD.
- The number of **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings reports an increase, 117 against a three-year average of 113. YTD figures for 22/23 is below our annual target (for Q1) 117 against 155.
- The number of **Deliberate Primary Fires** is reflecting a decrease against the average, four incidents against an average of seven. The number of **Deliberate Secondary Fires** is reporting a decrease for this quarter 18 against an average of 32 and also decrease YTD 18 against 20 incidents.

## PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

### HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

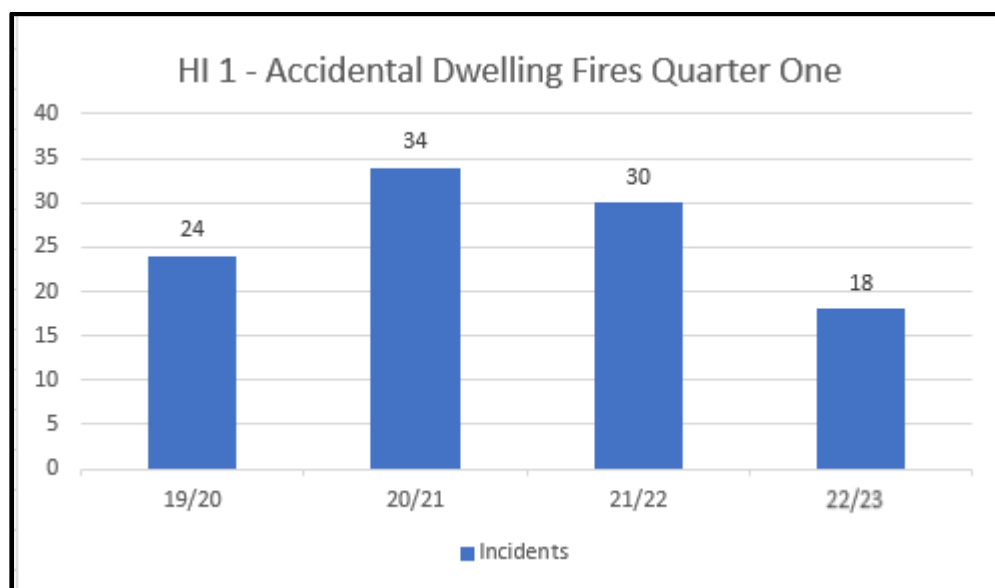


Table 1: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|           | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| H1: ADF's | 24    | 34    | 30    | 18    | 104           |

### HI 2 - ADF Fatal Casualties & HI 3 - ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

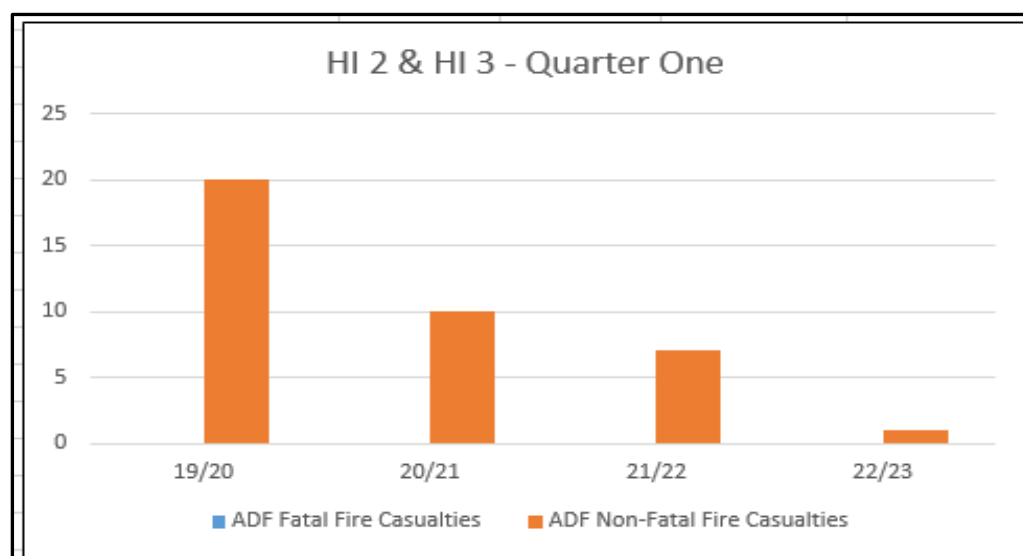


Table 2: Year to Date(April - June) Performance

|                              | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| H2: ADF Fatal Casualties     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0             |
| H3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties | 20    | 10    | 7     | 1     | 18            |

### Indicator Description

The largest single type of primary fire in Perth & Kinross is ADF in the home and their prevention is a key focus of the Service's community safety activity.

#### HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's, in a growing Perth & Kinross population, by keeping these fires **below 104**, each year.

#### HI 2 – ADF Fatal Casualties

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some-time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero ADF Fatal Casualties**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 3 – ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in the home, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from fire in the home, in an increasing Perth & Kinross population, by keeping fire injuries **below 18**, each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority One: *Improving Fire Safety in the Home*, meeting the headline targets will also support a long-term vision in the Perth & Kinross LOIP.

We also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP objectives:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### Performance Management

There were 18 ADF's reported during quarter one, which reflects a decreased number of fires for the same quarter last year which was 20. The three-year average (34). The fire damage in 11 incidents was reported as low level and seven medium. None sustained significant damage. Of the 18 fires 13 had previously been fitted with smoke detection, of which 11 operated and gave early warning to the occupiers. The total number of ADF's continues to decrease in the long term, currently we are reporting the equal lowest number of fires for the last five years. This is as a result of a number community safety initiatives delivered through partnership working. We are therefore showing **Green** for achieving the HI 1 annual target.

There was no ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter one. We are therefore showing **Green** for achieving the HI 2 annual target. There were one ADF Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter one, they received first aid on scene and were not admitted to hospital. This is the lowest number of quarterly non-fatal casualties for the last five years. We are showing **Green** against the HI 3 annual target.

Within Perth & Kinross we will continue to work with our partners to ensure we positively contribute to reducing the risk to our communities and staff by analysis of our operational activities and targeting those most at risk and vulnerable, particularly around unintentional harm in the home. These targeted initiatives will continue to develop and improve as we move forward together to ensure we provide the most appropriate support for our communities with regard to unintentional harm.

## PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY AND RESILIENCE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

### HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires

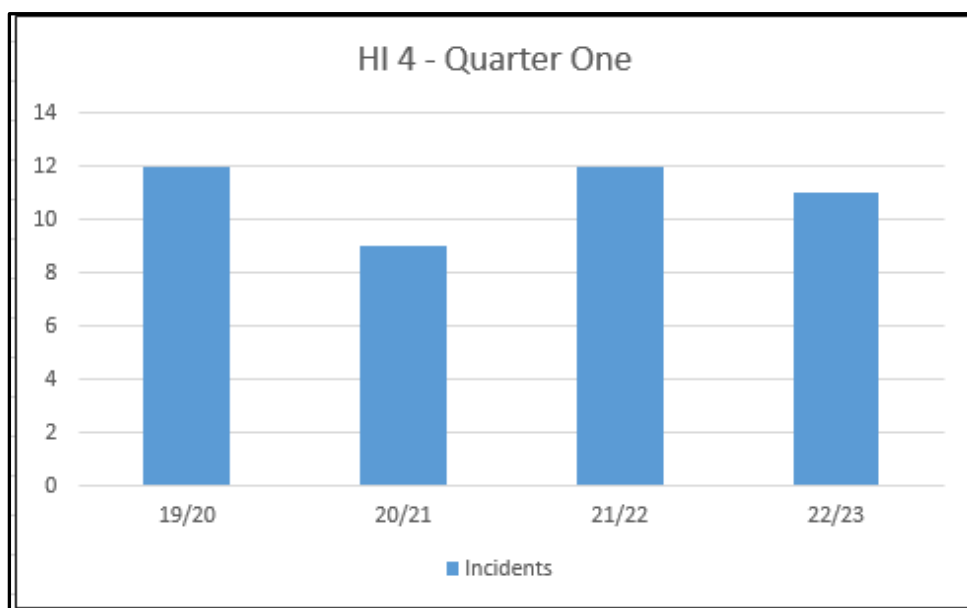


Table 3: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|                                        | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| <b>H4: Non-domestic Building Fires</b> | 12    | 9     | 12    | 11    | 53            |

### HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings & HI 6 – Non-Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings

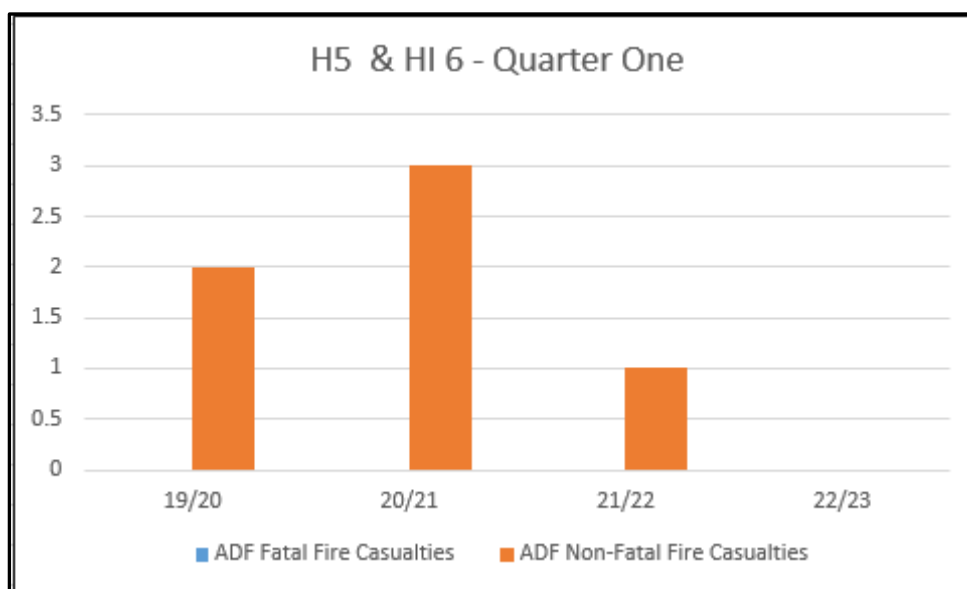


Table 4: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|                                      | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| <b>H5: Fatal Fire Casualties</b>     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0             |
| <b>H6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties</b> | 2     | 3     | 1     | 0     | 2             |

### Indicator Description

These headline indicators and targets cover the types of non-domestic buildings applicable to Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 ('The Act') (e.g. care homes, hotels and hospitals etc.) and is designed to reflect the effectiveness of fire safety management in respect of these types of buildings.

#### HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of fires in non-domestic buildings (where The Act applies), by keeping these fires **below 53**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die sometime after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero Fatal Fire Casualties** in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 6 – Non-fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in non-domestic buildings, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce risk of injury from fire in non-domestic buildings, by keeping fire injuries **below 2**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Two: *Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### Performance Management

There were 11 fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter one which reflects a decrease from the same quarter last year with 19 and on the previous quarter this year (12). The quarter one figure (11) is also equal to the three-year average. Six incidents resulted in minor damage and the remaining three suffered medium heat and smoke damage. This therefore is showing **Green** against the HI 4 annual target to date.

There were no Non-Domestic Fatal Fire Casualties and no Non-Domestic Casualties during quarter three. YTD, we are showing **Green** against the HI 6 annual target.

The COVID pandemic restrictions impacted our ability to fully undertake fire safety audits within commercial buildings. Following the easing of restrictions and in support of our Fire Safety Enforcement Plan we undertook 48 audits during the Q1 period. A great deal of fire safety enforcement activity involves the engagement with local businesses to ensure they maintain safety procedures to ensure the safety of their staff and members of the public. There were no enforcement/formal notices issued within any business in Perth and Kinross during this Q1 reporting period.

Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEO's) will continue to provide the most appropriate level of support to local businesses to enable suitable and timely legislative fire safety guidance and enforcement to be undertaken. We also continue to engage and support local and national business forums to ensure the right level of consistent information is provided to the business community.

## PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

### HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

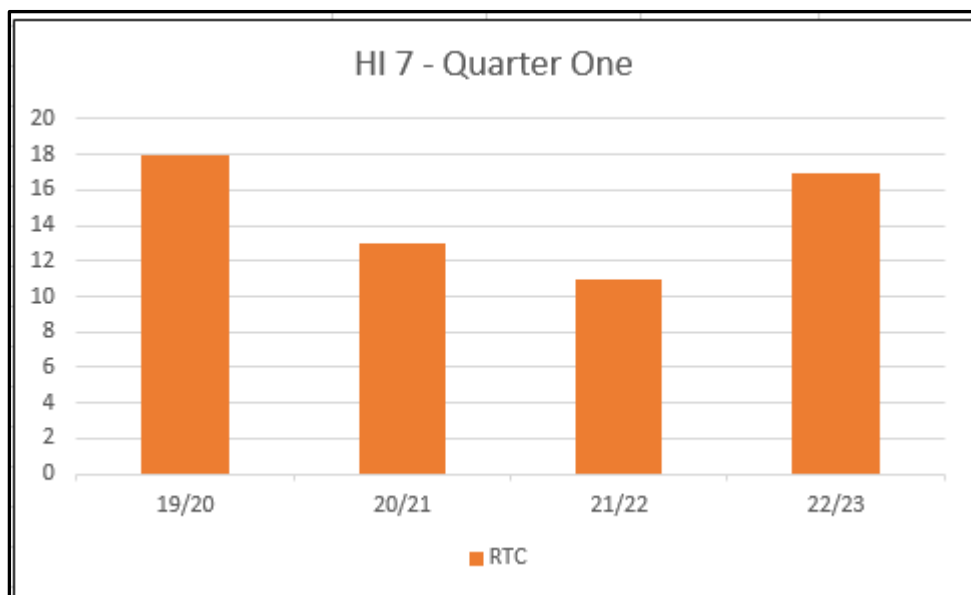


Table 5: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|                          | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| <b>H7: RTC Incidents</b> | 18    | 13    | 11    | 17    | 83            |

### HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties & H9 – Non-Fatal RTC Casualties

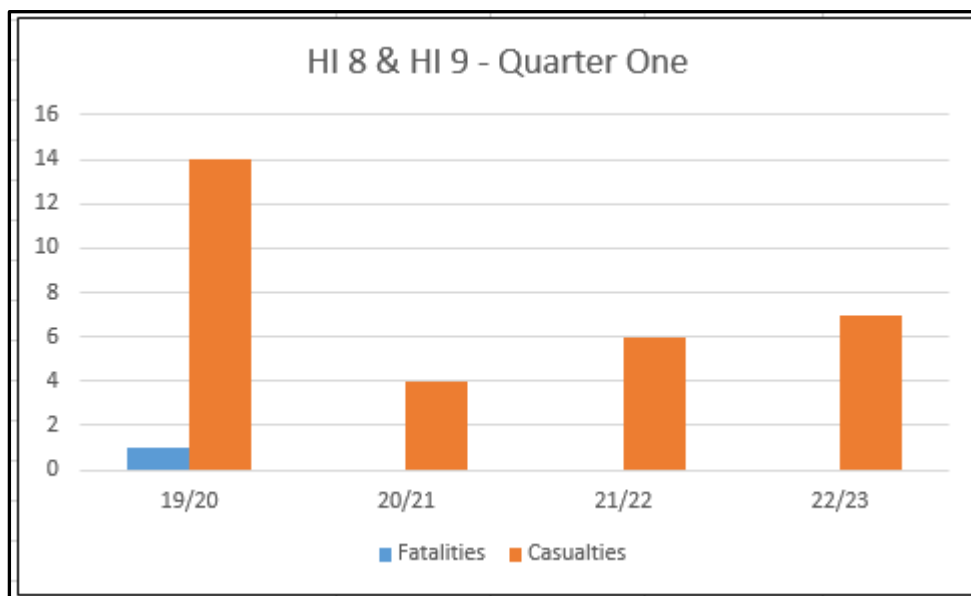


Table 6: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|                                     | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| <b>H8: Fatal RTC Casualties</b>     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0             |
| <b>H9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</b> | 16    | 4     | 6     | 7     | 70            |



### Indicator Description

The SFRS has become increasingly involved in more non-fire related prevention work, in support of its role in promoting the wider safety and well-being of its communities, including minimising the impact of unintentional harm. The headline indicators and targets reflect the fact that most of non-fire related incidents attended by the SFRS in Perth & Kinross are RTC Incidents.

#### HI 7 - RTC Incidents

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of RTC incidents, by keeping them **below 83** each year.

#### HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of death from RTC's in Perth & Kinross, by keeping them **below 0** each year.

#### HI 9 - Non-fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from RTC's in Perth & Kinross, by keeping non-fire injuries **below 70** each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm*, we also link these headline targets to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### Performance Management

We attended 17 RTC Incidents to assist with the safety of the incident scene and release/extricate occupants where necessary trapped in the vehicles as a result of a collision. Quarter one is reporting a slightly higher than average figure (17 against 14). We do however need to take cognisance that the three-year average figures included COVID lockdown periods where traffic levels were reduced. Comparing our Q1 totals against this average may not necessarily be a true reflection of the situation. Of the 17 incidents attended five required more technical extrication to release casualties. We are showing **Green** for achieving the HI 7 annual target.

From all the RTC Incidents we attended during quarter one there were no recorded fatalities, therefore we are showing **Green** for achieving the HI 8 annual target.

Of the 17 RTC Incidents we attended during quarter one, there were seven non-fatal casualties. YTD, we are reporting seven non-fatal casualties which is lower than the three year average of 9. In comparison to our annual target HI 9, we are currently showing **Green**.

This type of incident accounts for around 3% of all incidents and 15% of all special service incidents attended this quarter. However, these types of incidents account for a high number of casualties every year which requires a multi-agency partnership approach to reduce these risks to people on our roads. Road Safety within Perth & Kinross has established a Road Safety Partnership to ensure we constantly review our current position. This multi-agency group is working locally to establish reduction priorities which will influence the content of Perth and Kinross Road Safety plan and subsequent actions. The Road Safety Plan is now in place which is supported by an annual action plan. These actions will ensure we work, as a partnership. To compliment this Highlight Indicator, Perth Fire Station hosted the first Motorcycle Rider Refinement course in May which was led by Police Scotland and supported by the Institute of Advanced Motoring. In addition to this we had local attendance at the National Road Safety Conference held within Stirling University, outcomes, suggestions and ideas will assist local reduction activities.

## PRIORITY 4 - REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

### HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

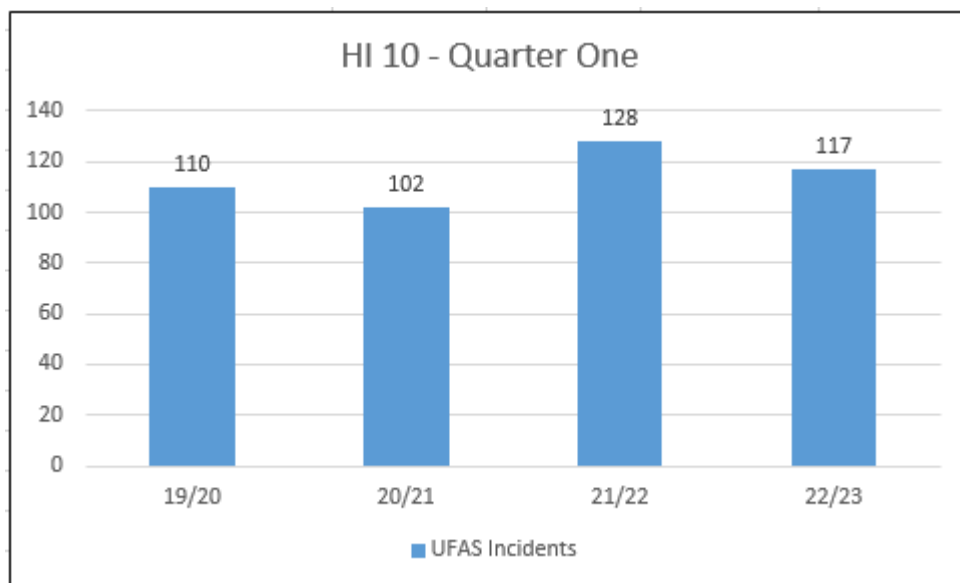
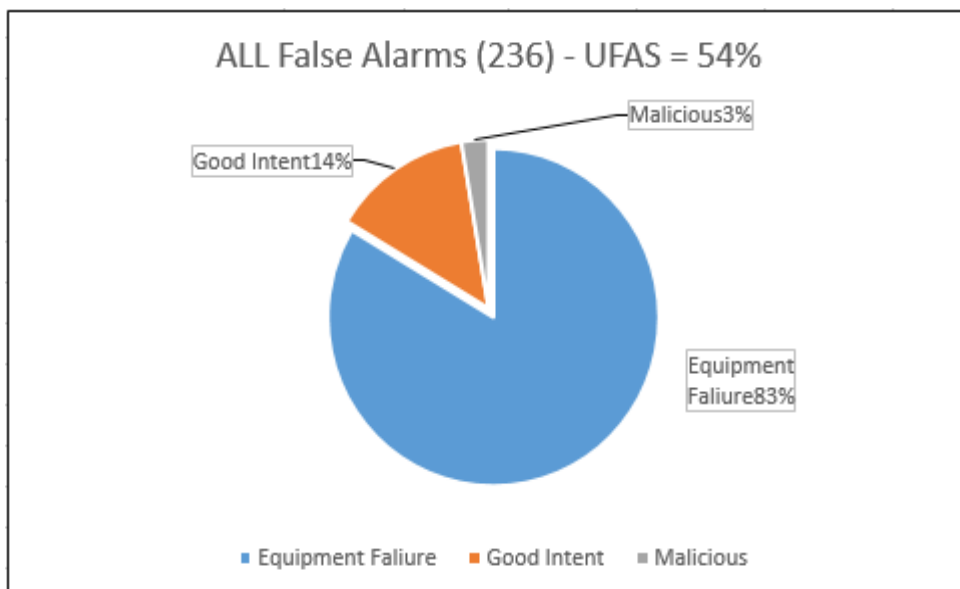


Table 7: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|                       | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| HI 10: UFAS Incidents | 110   | 102   | 128   | 117   | 620           |

### All False Alarms for Year to Date



### Indicator Description

Automatic Fire alarms (AFA) are fundamental to providing early warning from fire, giving people the chance to evacuate safely. However, to be effective, they must be properly installed and maintained, and a good fire safety management regime must be in place by the duty holder, so they do not activate when there is no fire.

Every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) from an AFA has an impact in terms of unnecessary blue light journeys, redirecting SFRS resources away from other activities such as community safety work and causing considerable disruption to businesses.

#### HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

As a headline target, the aim is to improve fire safety management and awareness, by reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) from automatic systems in non-domestic buildings to **less than 620** each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcome:

- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

### Performance Management

During quarter one 2022/23, SFRS mobilised to 117 UFAS incidents from a total of 236 False Alarms. This is a decrease (9%) in comparison to the same quarter in 2021/22 when there were 128 UFAS incidents. UFAS this quarter accounted for 28% of our total operational demand. Against our HI 10 annual target we are currently showing **Green**.

The table below lists the 5 property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during quarter Three. When analysed further, it is the same property types that are causing UFAS in Perth & Kinross and nationally, the picture is very similar.

| Property Types - UFAS                         | 22-23 Q1 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Home, Nursing/Care, school, sheltered Offices | 26       |
| Education – Secondary and Primary             | 25       |
| Hospital/ Medical Care                        | 17       |
| Offices and Call Centres                      | 8        |
| Hotel/Motel                                   | 5        |

During quarter one our operational crews continued to investigate the cause of every UFAS event to ensure the appropriate level of engagement with the duty holder when in attendance at these call-outs. Every UFAS incident SFRS attends is used as an opportunity to educate the duty holder about the impact UFAS has on their businesses, the community and the Fire and Rescue Service.

Following a full review of false alarms within Scotland by the SFRS and a transparent consultation process. The outcome of this review will reduce the amount of false alarms we mobilise to. We anticipate to start rolling this out new approach within Q3 and Q4.

## PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

### HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

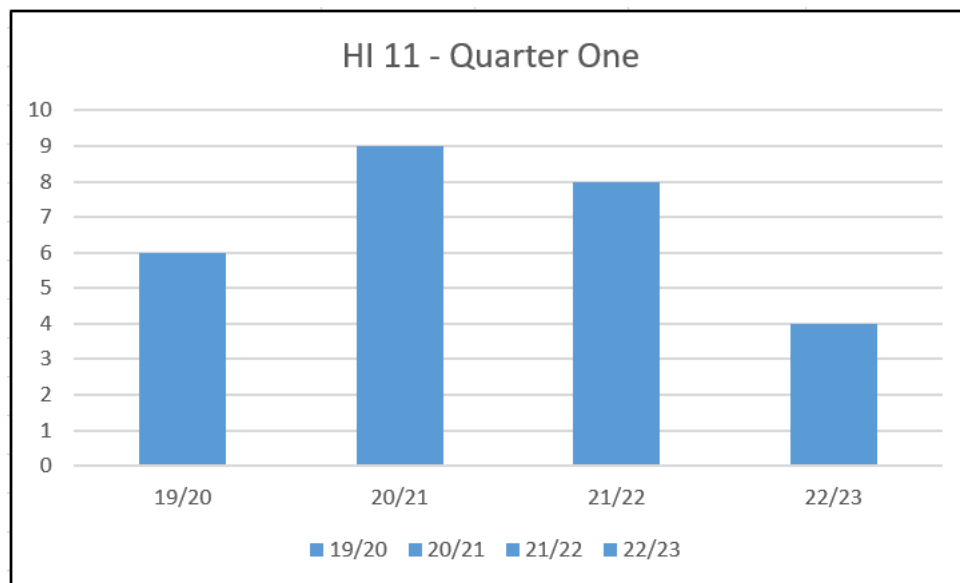


Table 8: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|                                 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires | 6     | 9     | 8     | 4     | 29            |

### HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

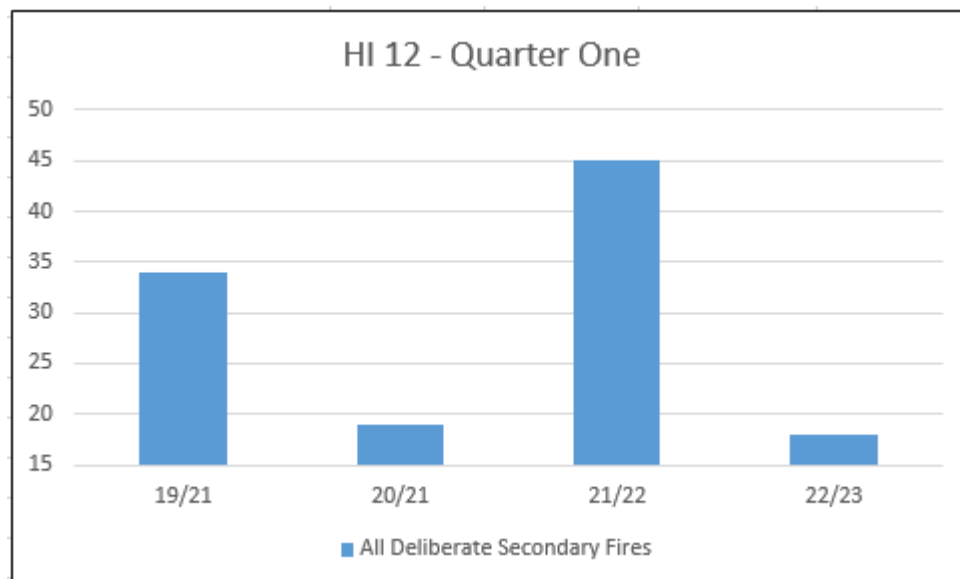


Table 9: Year to Date (April - June) Performance

|                                   | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | Annual Target |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires | 34    | 19    | 45    | 18    | 74            |

### Indicator Description

These headline and indicators targets account for all types of fire that are believed to have been started intentionally, and are categorised as Deliberate Primary Fires and Deliberate Secondary Fires.

#### HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the following types:

- Fires in the home
- Fires in non-domestic buildings
- Fires in motor vehicles

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate primary fires in Perth & Kinross by keeping these fires **below 29** each year.

#### HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires and include fires in derelict buildings, but not chimney fires. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate secondary fires in Perth & Kinross by keeping these fires **below 74** each year, this exceeds the annual target.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Deliberate Fires*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
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### Performance Management

There were four deliberate primary fires reported during quarter one, which is below average (7) and also lower than last year (8). Three of the incidents were grass/woodland fires and the other a garden shed, these numbers are below the average (7) and therefore showing **Green** against HI 11 annual target.

There were 18 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter one which is below the same quarter in last year (45). There was also a reduction against the three year average (18 against 32).. The majority of these incidents were in Perth City area, the remaining incidents were spread across other ward areas. Given the target we have set for this reporting year we are showing **Green** against the HI 12 annual target against year to date.

During the last few months we have continued to work with partners to reduce the number of all deliberate fire incidents within Perth and Kinross. This proactive approach particularly around youth engagement endeavours to reduce the number of deliberate fires, particularly secondary fires, as part of a wider youth awareness education initiative. These included working with local schools to reduce this unacceptable, anti-social behaviour. This along with national campaigns during the Spring Season, this has helped to reduce this risk locally. There is a continual programme of input each quarter with regard deliberate fire raising, alongside other educational safety programmes, across Perth and Kinross particularly around the Perth City area.

## PRIORITY 6 – EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

### Description

Risk Management and operational preparedness is a key area of work for the SFRS. In Perth & Kinross, this means:

- Knowing what the risks are in Perth & Kinross and then making plans, so we are resilient to respond to any event.
- Being prepared to respond to national threats or major emergencies.
- Developing flexibility to deploy crews, to take on a broadening role within the community.
- Firefighters being quipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively and our stations being in a constant state of readiness.
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness*, our activities also support improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP objectives:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
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### Activity

During Quarter One 2022 (April - June), we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Extrication Techniques (RTC) | • Road Traffic Collisions |
| • Breathing Apparatus          | • Driving                 |
| • Casualty Care                | • Refuse                  |
| • HAZMAT                       | • Rural and Wildfires     |

Firefighters continue to conduct Operational Intelligence visits to sites within their station area (Covid-19 dependant) so that they are familiar with the associated risks and hazards and, if required, can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. They also continue to conduct Home Fire Safety Visits, with an action plan implemented to ensure that all High-Risk properties were visited and telephone contact made with all Medium and Low Risk properties.

We are maintaining our staff re-integration programme for day staff to be fully proficient to provide operational resilience should we suffer staff shortages due to Covid-19. With the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions the service has recommenced delivering courses that had been postponed.

Specific Incident Command, Breathing Apparatus & Compartment Fire Behaviour Training courses continue, ensuring stations are staffed appropriately to meet the needs of our communities. Our Trainee Firefighter yearly assessments are also continuing to ensure that they are developing their skills in line with their 3-year Modern Apprenticeship. We are also continuing our advertising campaign with a view of filling a number of vacant posts within our On Call (previously known as retained and volunteer) stations.



## APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of Community Safety Engagement initiatives undertaken within Perth & Kinross during the first quarter of 2022/23. The Safer Communities Partnership work together to continually provide various community safety messages, education, training and support. This implements risk reduction strategies to support our communities, particularly those most vulnerable. Working collaboratively also supports the priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan and the wider Perth & Kinross Council Community Planning Partnerships priorities. Some examples from quarter one:



Following the higher than average water related injuries and deaths within Scotland last year, locally the SFRS prioritised training and awareness. Prior to the P&K school summer break our teams visited all secondary schools and delivered our water safety presentation/packages and engaged in person with the students. This was very well received and training materials were left with schools for future use this year.



During April we supported the 2022 launch and start of the P&K Visitor Management Campaign. Key representation from our teams in Kinloch Rannoch and Blairgowrie will support local patrols and engage directly with visitors and campers within our beauty spots and local loch sides. Following the successful season last year, we are delighted to be part of this partner approach to maintain safety and environmental concerns.



Perth Fire Station is the venue for the local Rider Refinement Motorcycle Training. The course which runs from May – October involves seven courses which is led by Police Scotland and supported by local road safety partners. We are delighted to host and take part this key road safety initiative which has proved so successful in the past.



We make no secret in the challenges we face recruiting On Call Firefighters particularly in remote P&K communities. Watch Commander (WC) Black (Kinloch Rannoch) and WC Cammy Sands attended on air, Heartland FMs 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations to promote Firefighter Recruitment, Visitor Management and Water Safety. Following the slot, we received applications for several posts. Support from Heartland FM is very much appreciated.

## UK Road Safety Network



Our P&K Community team and Road Safety Lead attended the Graham Feest Road Safety Conference held at Stirling University in April. There was a host of specialist speakers covering topics from electric vehicle technology to current updates on road safety legislation. This information will support our local road safety plan and allow us to target concerns which are related to our local road network within P&K.



Rural Perth and Kinross is at risk of wildfires particularly in the spring season. During the muirburn period and before vegetation greens up is poses highest risk of fire. In addition to supporting national wildfire and environmental campaigns our local wildfire project is well on track. Pitlochry and Alyth Fire Stations have been selected as wildfire stations where personnel will be trained to a higher level where specialist vehicles and equipment will be supplied. Nationally we are about to go to tender with plans to receive the vehicles and equipment in 2023.



## APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE INCIDENTS / EVENTS

SFRS attended 413 incidents of which a number would undoubtedly have had a serious impact on members of our communities and their families, particularly from Road Traffic Collisions, Dwelling Fires and other Special Service Calls. Some of the more notable incidents and events are noted below:

### Tractor and Irrigator Fire



24/06/22, Fire Crews from Blairgowrie and Alyth were mobilised to Meiklour Estate to tackle a fire involving a large tractor and irrigator Reeler. The attendance times were short however by the time the crews applied water jets the fire had fully taken hold to the tractor and irrigator reel. Fires of this nature aren't unusual however they are generally more common during the harvest period.

### Chimney Fire – Kings of Kinloch Meigle



01/05/22 Fire crews from Alyth and Coupar Angus attended a fire within Kings of Kinloch House near Meigle. Although well versed in tackling chimney fires this one proved to be a little more challenging. Due to the height of the building and to support firefighter safety, the Aerial Appliance from Dundee was requested. The cause of the fire was due to various reasons including birds nests within the chimney breast. Some of the internal brickwork had to be removed to gain access to fire spread within cavities. Thermal imaging cameras were used to ensure the fire was fully extinguished before leaving the incident.

## Gorse Fire Gleneagles Auchterarder



25/06/22, crews from Auchterarder, Crieff and Perth were in attendance at a gorse fire near Gleneagles Hotel. The fire between Glenmore holiday home and the shooting school was a wind driven fire approximately 300metres x 100 metres. Due to the nature of the fire and the need to set up water relays crews were in attendance for almost ten hours. The fire which started around 1:30 fortunately didn't affect any property of life risk.

## HGV Fire Broxden Services Perth



19/05/22, crews from Perth were mobilised to an HGV fire within Broxden Services. Due to the quick work of fire crews, the fire within the suspension area was extinguished. The fire which started due to overheated brakes had heated and ignited the suspension air bags. This type of fire is relatively common however if prompt action isn't taken the fire can quickly spread to the insulated panels cladding the trailer units which generally results in a total loss.

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QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT****1 April 2022 – 30 June 2022**

**Report by Chief Superintendent Phil Davison**  
**Police Scotland D Division (Tayside)**  
 (Report No 22/200)

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that members note and scrutinise the statistical information contained in this report in conjunction with Appendix A.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report (Appendix A) is to provide information to the Committee regarding the performance of Police Scotland to facilitate local scrutiny.
- 2.2 Appendix A will provide information in relation to some of the work which has taken place within Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area.
- 2.3 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

**4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

- 5.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

**6. SUMMARY**

- 6.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and performance of the local policing area.

**7. COMPLIANCE**

- 7.1 Is the proposal;

- |     |                                  |     |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| (a) | Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) | Equality & Diversity compliant?  | YES |





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Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2022  
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## Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

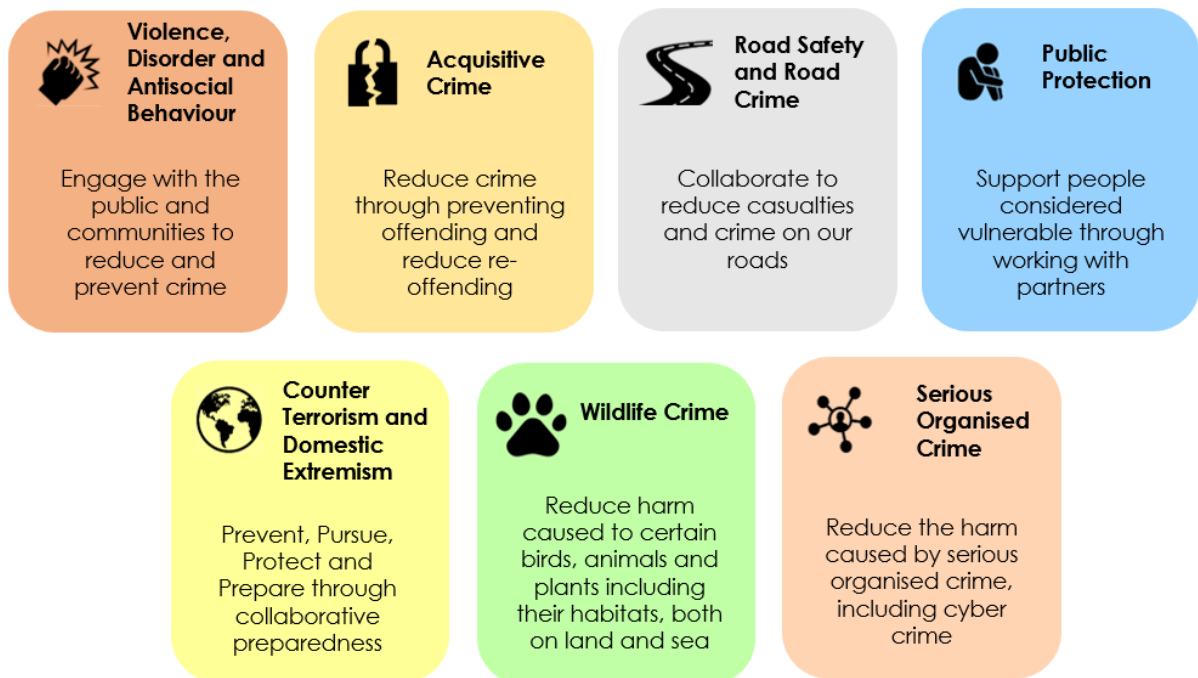
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Perth & Kinross Council and will report to the Housing and Communities Committee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Communities Committee. This report covers the period from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 and 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Committee Members to conduct their responsibilities under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

This report will make reference to specific crimes mentioned in the local policing plan, which we refer to as our control strategy.

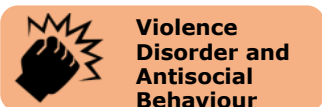
The information contained within this document compliments Force Priorities and supports reporting through Community Planning Partnership structures.



# Plan on a Page – Perth & Kinross Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

|                    |  |                                                                                       |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Our vision</b>  |  | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Perth & Kinross                          |
| <b>Our purpose</b> |  | Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Perth & Kinross |
| <b>Our Values</b>  |  | Fairness   Integrity   Respect   Human Rights                                         |

## Local Priorities



## Objectives

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



## Outcomes

Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service



Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery



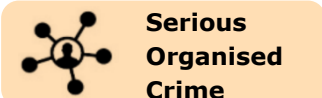
Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



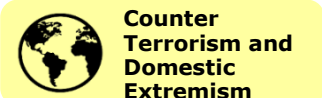
The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing



Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime



Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public



Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness



Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges



Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea






















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## Summary Report Perth & Kinross LPA

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The table below provides a summary of this year to date Vs last year to date figures for this quarter in relation to crimes reported and crimes detected. This is an indication of the current position and further detail and indicators are provided in the full scrutiny report.

|                                                                                                                                |        |          |                                                                                                                               |        |          |                                                                                                                                 |        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
|  Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour  |        |          |  Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour |        |          |  Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour |        |          |
| Serious Assault                                                                                                                |        |          | Robbery Inc Intent                                                                                                            |        |          | Common Assault - Total                                                                                                          |        |          |
|                                                                                                                                | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                               | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                                 | Crimes | Detect % |
| 21/22                                                                                                                          | 19     | 94.7     | 21/22                                                                                                                         | 8      | 87.5     | 21/22                                                                                                                           | 277    | 68.2     |
| 22/23                                                                                                                          | 13     | 53.8     | 22/23                                                                                                                         | 11     | 63.6     | 22/23                                                                                                                           | 308    | 70.1     |
| % +/-                                                                                                                          | -31.6% | -40.9%   | % +/-                                                                                                                         | +37.5% | -23.9%   | % +/-                                                                                                                           | +11.2% | +1.9%    |
|  Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour |        |          |  Acquisitive Crime                          |        |          |  Acquisitive Crime                          |        |          |
| Emergency Services Assault                                                                                                     |        |          | Housebreakings -Dwellings                                                                                                     |        |          | Motor Vehicle Crime                                                                                                             |        |          |
|                                                                                                                                | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                               | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                                 | Crimes | Detect % |
| 21/22                                                                                                                          | 21     | 95.2     | 21/22                                                                                                                         | 13     | 38.5     | 21/22                                                                                                                           | 65     | 33.8     |
| 22/23                                                                                                                          | 34     | 94.1     | 22/23                                                                                                                         | 25     | 12.0     | 22/23                                                                                                                           | 74     | 51.4     |
| % +/-                                                                                                                          | +61.9% | -1.1%    | % +/-                                                                                                                         | +92.3% | -26.5%   | % +/-                                                                                                                           | +13.8% | +17.5%   |
|  Acquisitive Crime                          |        |          |  Road Safety and Road Crime                |        |          |  Road Safety and Road Crime                |        |          |
| Fraud                                                                                                                          |        |          | Speeding                                                                                                                      |        |          | Drink/ Drug Driving                                                                                                             |        |          |
|                                                                                                                                | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                               | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                                 | Crimes | Detect % |
| 21/22                                                                                                                          | 94     | 18.1     | 21/22                                                                                                                         | 909    | 100.0    | 21/22                                                                                                                           | 63     | 98.4     |
| 22/23                                                                                                                          | 96     | 7.3      | 22/23                                                                                                                         | 258    | 99.6     | 22/23                                                                                                                           | 36     | 88.9     |
| % +/-                                                                                                                          | +2.1%  | -10.8%   | % +/-                                                                                                                         | -71.6% | -0.4%    | % +/-                                                                                                                           | -42.9% | -9.5%    |
|  Road Safety and Road Crime                 |        |          |  Road Safety and Road Crime                |        |          |  Public Protection                         |        |          |
| Road Deaths - All                                                                                                              |        |          | Serious Injury - All                                                                                                          |        |          | Rape Inc Assault with Intent                                                                                                    |        |          |
|                                                                                                                                | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                               | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                                 | Crimes | Detect % |
| 21/22                                                                                                                          | 0      | N/A      | 21/22                                                                                                                         | 17     | N/A      | 21/22                                                                                                                           | 21     | 42.9     |
| 22/23                                                                                                                          | 1      | N/A      | 22/23                                                                                                                         | 12     | N/A      | 22/23                                                                                                                           | 18     | 38.9     |
| % +/-                                                                                                                          | /      | /        | % +/-                                                                                                                         | -29.4% | /        | % +/-                                                                                                                           | -14.3% | -4.0%    |
|  Public Protection                          |        |          |  Serious Organised Crime                   |        |          |  Serious Organised Crime                   |        |          |
| Group 2 - Sexual Crimes                                                                                                        |        |          | Drugs Supply                                                                                                                  |        |          | Drug Possession                                                                                                                 |        |          |
|                                                                                                                                | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                               | Crimes | Detect % |                                                                                                                                 | Crimes | Detect % |
| 21/22                                                                                                                          | 82     | 61.0     | 21/22                                                                                                                         | 37     | 73.0     | 21/22                                                                                                                           | 113    | 89.4     |
| 22/23                                                                                                                          | 104    | 41.3     | 22/23                                                                                                                         | 27     | 85.2     | 22/23                                                                                                                           | 55     | 103.6    |
| % +/-                                                                                                                          | +26.8% | -19.6%   | % +/-                                                                                                                         | -27.0% | +12.2%   | % +/-                                                                                                                           | -51.3% | +14.3%   |

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**Violence,  
Disorder and  
Antisocial  
Behaviour**

Engage with the  
public and  
communities to  
reduce and  
prevent crime

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- Giving every child the best start in life
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

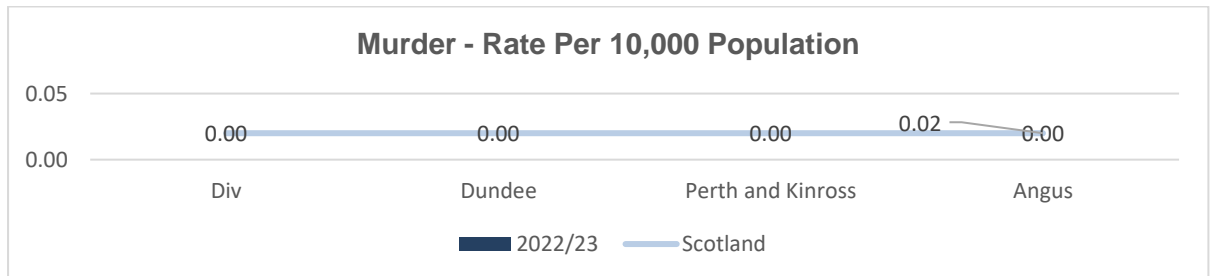
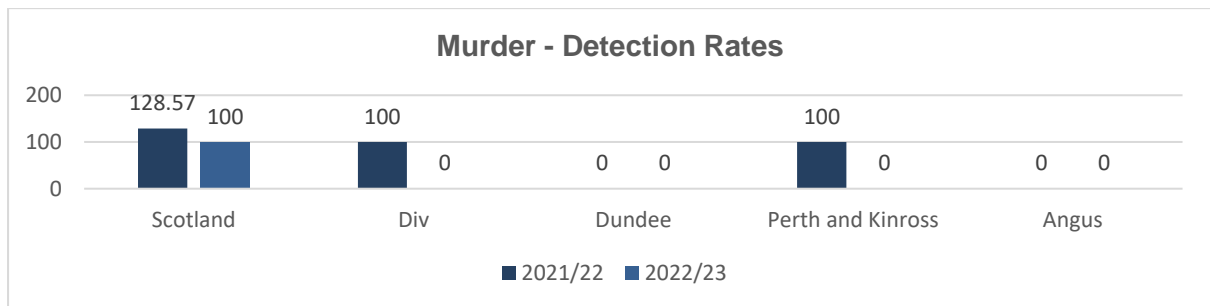
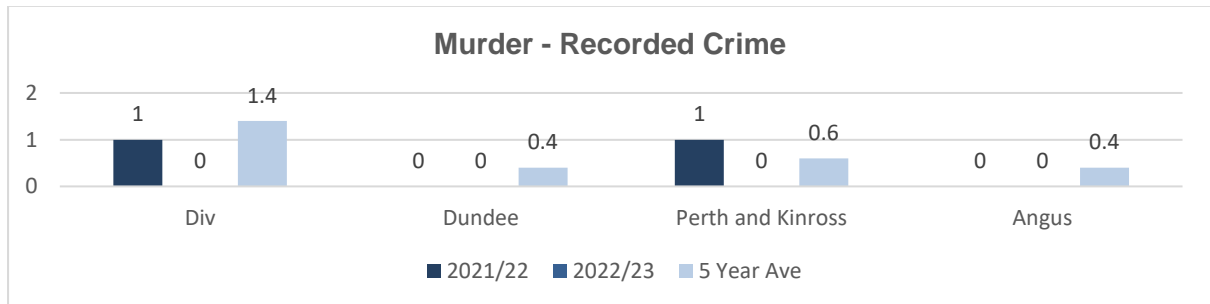
This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:

- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

**Operating Context**

Murder

No murders were recorded during the reporting period.



Attempted Murder

There have been two attempted murders recorded during the reporting period.

The first of these incidents took place in a private dwelling in Perth City whereby a 29 year old male sustained a significant injury as a result of being attacked with a bladed

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weapon. The victim and perpetrator were known to each other and alcohol was a significant factor in this attack. A 32 year old male was promptly arrested and, following investigation by local officers, charged with the offence of attempted murder and is awaiting trial.

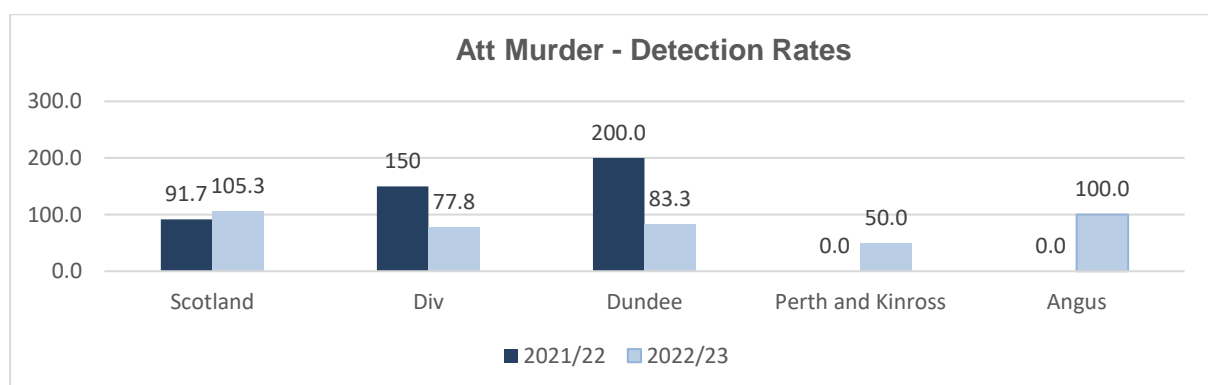
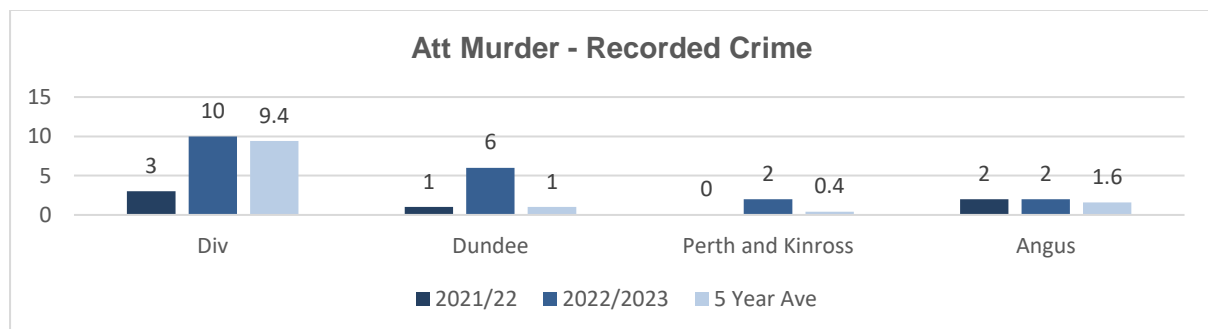
In the second incident a 28 year old male from Perth sustained injuries when he was deliberately driven at by a van and knocked from his bicycle while cycling on a public road in Perth. While the injuries sustained were thankfully relatively minor the reckless nature of this act and the utter disregard for the potential consequences of such an action has led to the crime being classified as an attempted murder.

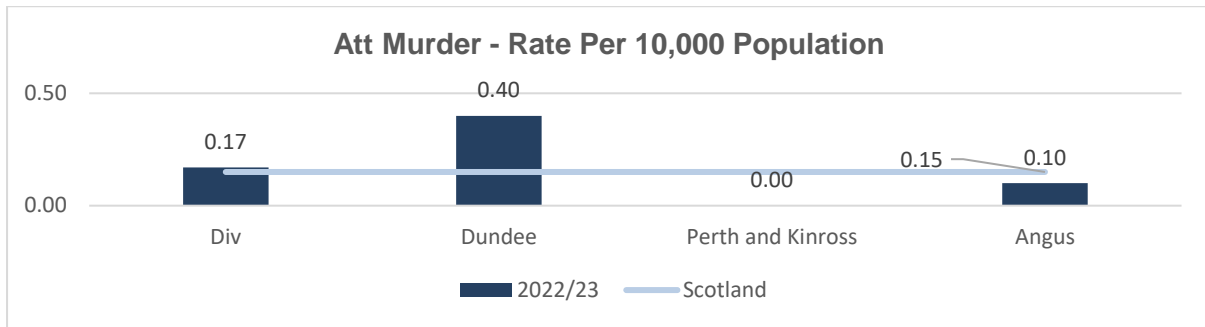
This appears to have been a targeted attack and it is assessed there is no risk to the wider community.

The incident remains under active investigation by Perth and Kinross CID who are following a number of positive lines of enquiry.

Although this represents an increase of two attempted murders in comparison with Last Year to Date (LYTD) incidents of this nature remain rare and the overall occurrence rate for Perth and Kinross remains below both Divisional and National averages.

Detection rate is currently 50%, however, as mentioned above the second incident remains under active investigation.





## Serious Assault

### **Activity**

All crimes of Serious Assault are subject to a review from a Detective Sergeant, CID to ensure all pertinent enquiries are identified and prioritised and appropriate measures are in place to safeguard victims.

Where violent offenders are subject to bail curfews or special bail conditions in respect of their offences, bail compliance checks are carried out and any breaches are reported.

Prison releases are monitored and locality officers carry out proactive visits to discourage re-offending and ensure any support required is highlighted via the Preventions Interventions and Partnerships team.

### **Results**

The number of Serious Assaults recorded during the reporting period is lower than LYTD (6 fewer crimes) and continues the downward trend seen in 2021/22.

Overall, figures for Serious Assaults in Perth and Kinross remain lower than other areas of the Division and lower than the national average (rate per 10,000 population).

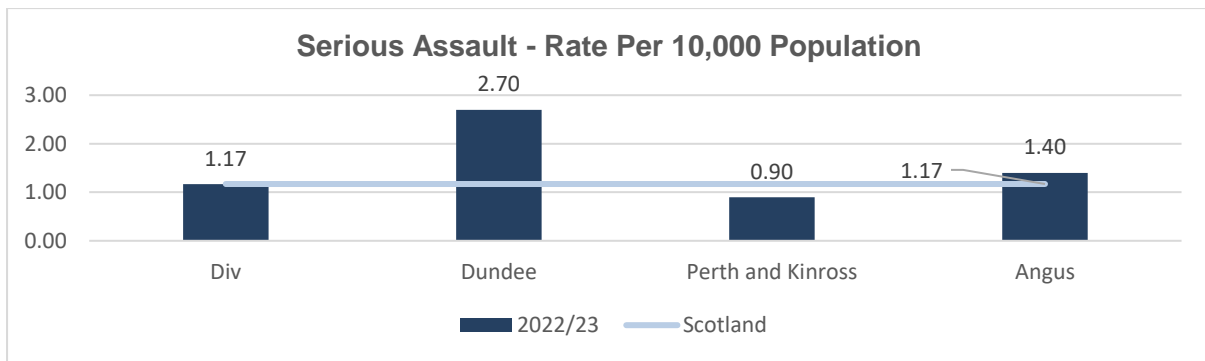
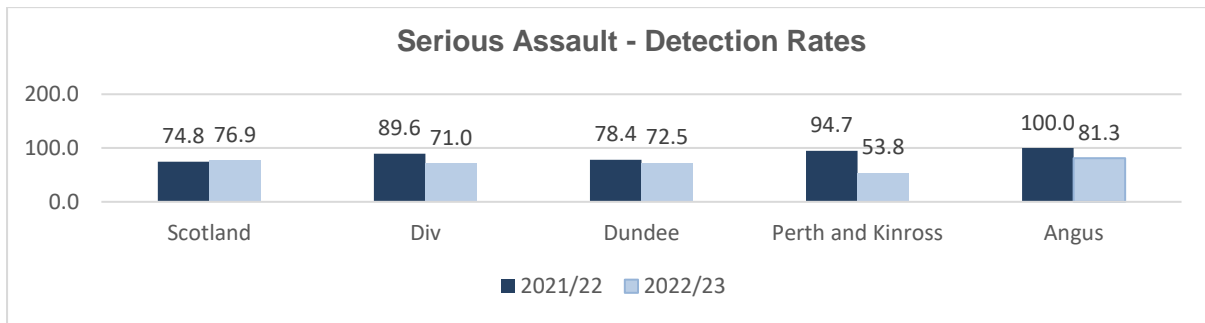
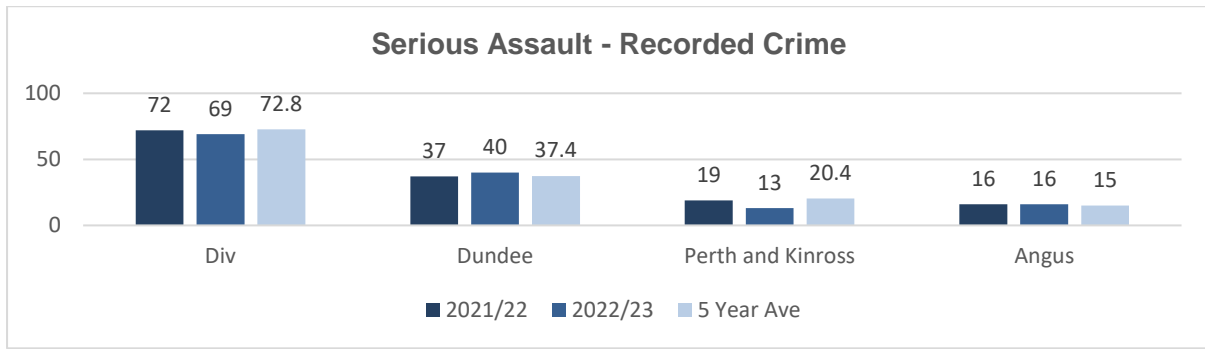
46% of Serious Assaults occurred in public spaces while 54% were recorded as occurring within private dwellings.

62% (8) of crimes reported the use of a weapon.

In 42% of offences the victim and perpetrator were known to each other prior to the commission of the offence.

From analysis, it is clear that over consumption of alcohol and abuse of controlled substances continues to play a part in these types of crimes with over 46% of crimes recorded involving victim / perpetrator being under the influence of drink or drugs, however, it is worth noting none of the crimes recorded during the reporting period took place near to or within licensed premises.

Detection rates for serious assault are lower than other areas of the Division, however a number of the cases remain under active investigation and it is anticipated performance in this area will improve as these investigations are brought to a conclusion.



### Common Assault

There were 308 Common Assaults recorded during the reporting period, an increase of 31 additional crimes when compared with LYTD. The Common Assault total figures includes Domestic Assaults and Assaults on Emergency Service Workers.

While this increase for Q1 figures is replicated across the other two Local Authority Areas within Tayside Division it should not necessarily be construed as an upward trend as we have actually seen a marginal reduction when compared with Q4 of 2020/21 (6 fewer crimes) and occurrence rates in Perth and Kinross remain below both the local and national averages.

37% of Common Assaults recorded during this period have been related to domestic offending and, as per previous reporting a significant number of these are considered non-recent in nature, i.e. the offence occurred more than 12 months prior to being reported to police. Police Scotland continues to encourage historical reporting of these crime types to promote the safety of domestic abuse victims.

The locations of these incidents varies with a broadly equal split of 54% of offences occurring in private spaces and 46% occurring in public spaces. The majority of public space offences took place outside, however we have seen a small number occurring in licensed premises and school settings and this will form part of the focus for our Community Policing Teams for the forthcoming period.

Recent analysis identifies the majority of offenders are males aged between 25-44 year old, with those aged 25-34 years being the most frequent offenders.

We continue to actively target repeat and prolific offenders, ensuring that all opportunities to detect or disrupt their offending are taken and, where vulnerabilities are identified they are signposted to relevant support from partner agencies in an effort to divert them away from further offending.

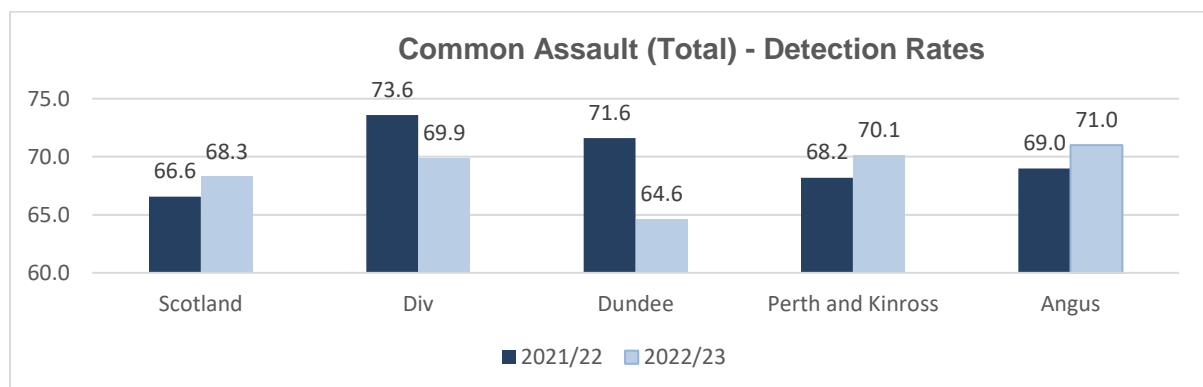
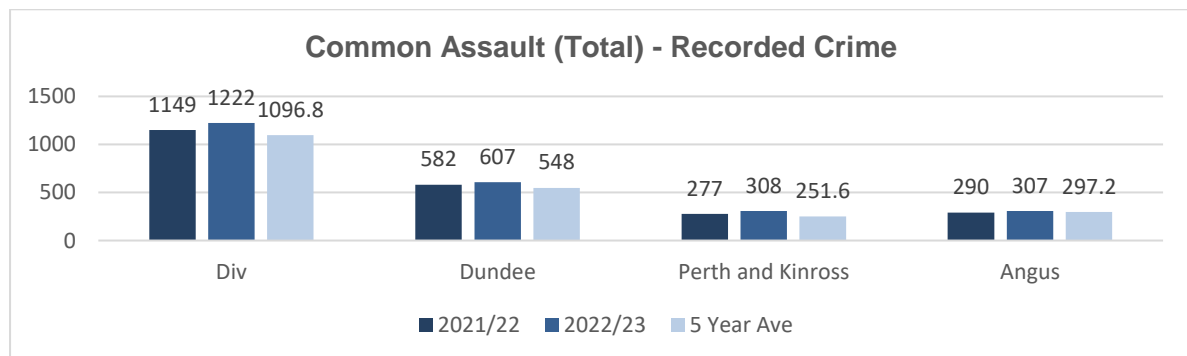
## Results

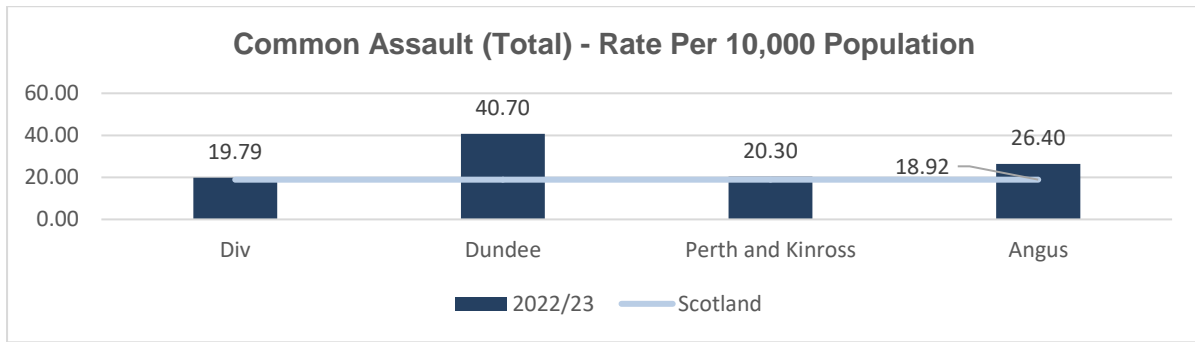
Detection rates for Common Assaults have increased when compared with LYTD and are currently above both the Divisional and national averages with potential for further improvement in this area as active investigations are brought to a conclusion.

## Challenges

Similarly to Serious Assaults, Common Assaults are sporadic in nature and the fact around a half of these occur in private dwellings provides a significant challenge to policing. Further, the relationship between the victim and the offender can be a hindrance as it can make them less likely to support any investigation.

It is clear that the abuse of alcohol and drugs remains a strong factor in driving occurrence rates across all violent crime and this crime category is no different.





## Robbery

This section includes crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery, and assaults with intent to Rob. Any threat or inference of violence of any kind is sufficient for incidents to be recorded.

The response to Robberies remains a Divisional priority and all activity is aligned to the Robbery Action Plan.

All reports of Robbery have a CID input from the outset and the majority of these investigations are progressed by this department. A Robbery toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

The focus remains on prevention with proactive activity aligned to geographic areas where higher levels of violent crime are seen, targeting those who are wanted on warrant for serious and violent crime to ensure early arrests are made. We also work closely with colleagues from our Divisional Partnerships Interventions and Preventions (PIP) team to support victims through housing, welfare and signposting to health and social care to prevent recurrence and target harden by enhancing physical security measures.

There were 11 Robberies recorded during this reporting period which is 3 more crimes than LYTD.

Analysis shows that 36% of these crimes occurred in public space. Of note, 8% of the crimes which occurred within the private space had a domestic aggravator with items such as keys and mobile telephones being among the items stolen.

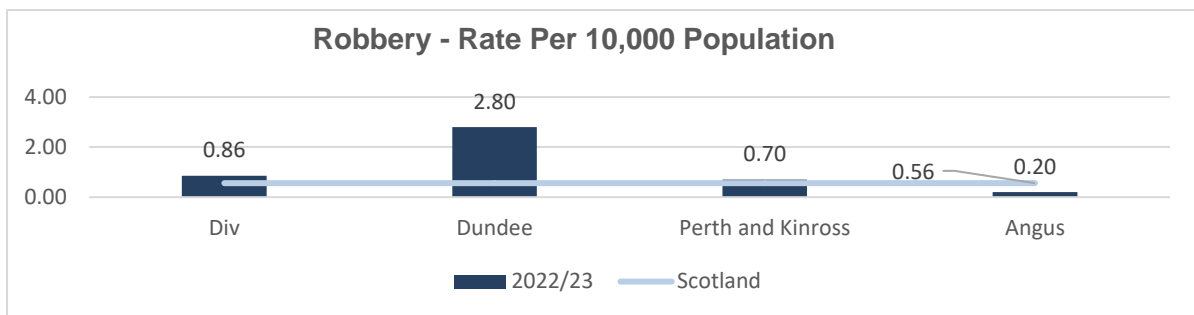
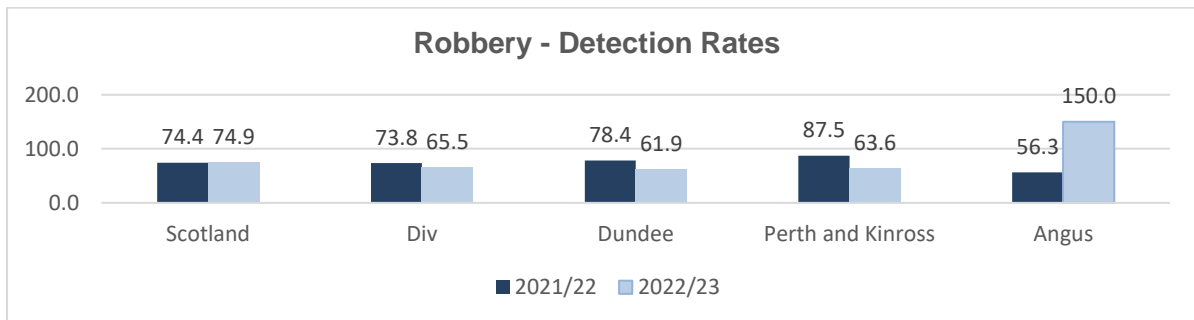
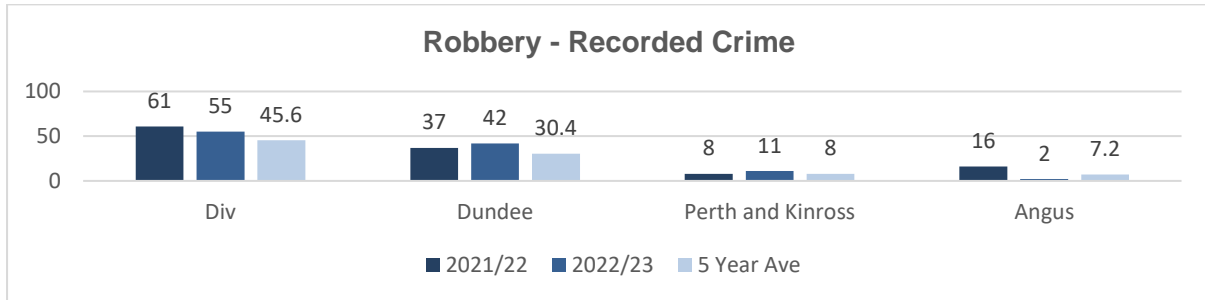
In 73% of cases the victim and perpetrator were known to each other.

45% of crimes reported the use of a weapon and 18% reported the accused or victim to be under the influence of alcohol

The detection rate for Robbery has decreased when compared with LYTD, however as with previous crime categories, a number of these crimes remain under active investigation by CID and locality officers and it is projected detection rates will increase as enquiries are brought to a conclusion.

Analysis shows that offences can be opportunistic and sporadic in nature with few repeat victims or offenders. As with other violent crime categories, the relationship

between victim and offender continues to present challenges with several victims failing to fully engage with police enquiries.

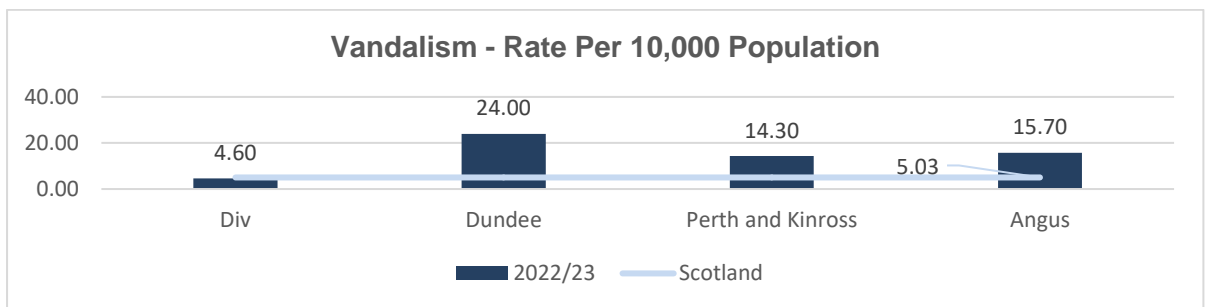
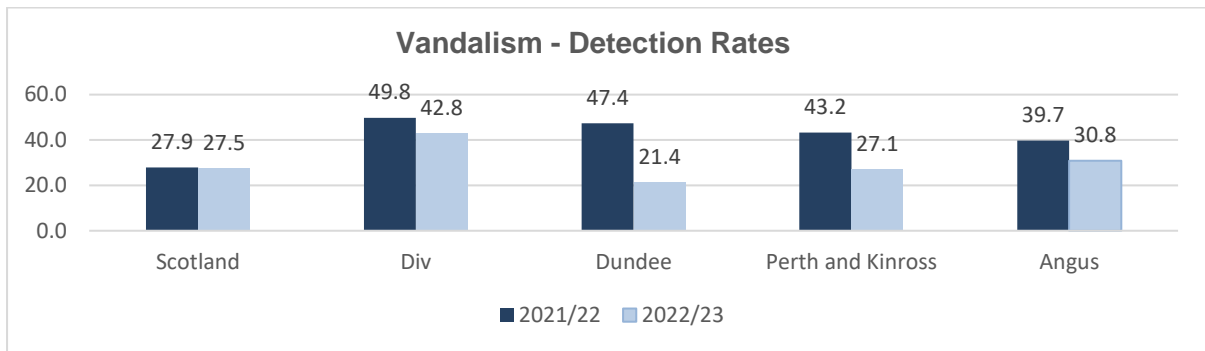
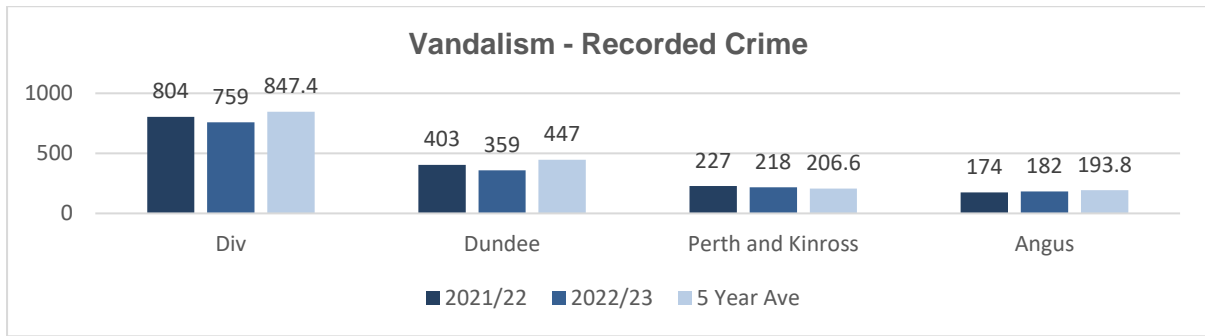


### Vandalism

We have seen a reduction in the occurrence rate for vandalism in comparison with LYTD (9 fewer crimes) and detection rates remain broadly in line with the National average.

Offences are sporadic in nature with no particular themes or trends identified, however we continue to work closely with partners in Safer Communities to ensure any issues or areas of concern are identified at the earliest opportunity.





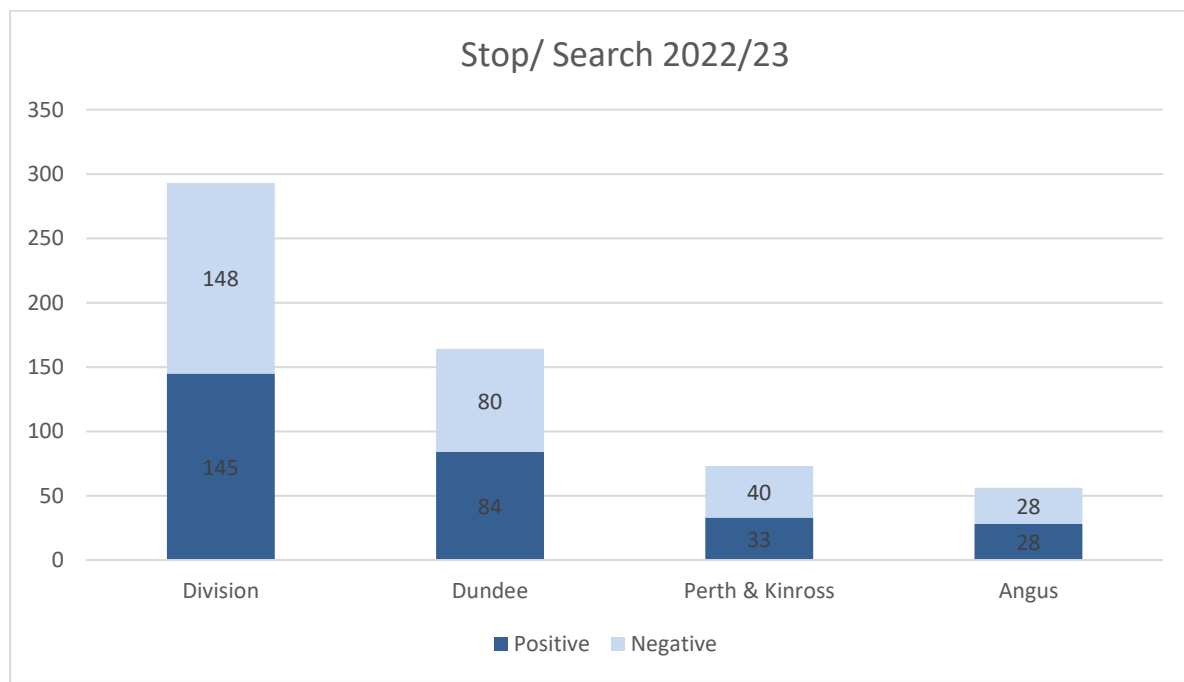
## Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic deployed when necessary for the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. The overall objective is to maintain public safety and improve community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion of their personal liberty and privacy. It is carefully handled by Police and must be carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Officers explain why they have stopped an individual before any search, and explain what they are looking for. After the search officers provide the individual with a receipt, which documents information about their rights and how they can access a copy of their stop and search record.

In the reporting period 73 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 33 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 45.2%.

Assurance reports are provided monthly which show no disproportionate searching was carried out of persons under 18, nor did any disproportionate searching take place around minority groups.





### Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime  
through preventing  
offending and  
reduce re-  
offending

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### Housebreaking

The figures for Housebreaking includes all attempted housebreaking and instances of housebreaking with intent to steal (i.e. where the security of the property has been overcome but no property stolen).

We have seen a marked increase in the level of recorded Domestic Housebreakings during this reporting period with an increase of 12 crimes when compared to LYTD.

This figure is currently higher than the 5 year average, however we are aware these averages have been affected by lower levels of recorded crime during periods of Covid lockdown when more members of the public remained at home and opportunities to commit these types of offences were reduced.

Examination of occurrence rates shows they fluctuate from year to year with the highest recorded total of 30 occurring in 2019/20 (pre-covid lockdown).

We fully appreciate the impact crimes of this nature can have on victims and wider community confidence and their investigation remains a priority with our local Community Investigation Unit (CIU) leading our response to Housebreaking. The team review every reported Housebreaking or Attempt and a Housebreaking Toolkit has been developed and delivered to all officers, seeking to ensure that each investigation is of the same high standard and those important forensic and CCTV opportunities are not missed at the outset of any investigation.

The CIU have developed a clear investigative strategy to be deployed consistently across the next reporting year, specifically designed to impact upon Housebreaking detection rates.

In addition to this, the deployment model of CID has been re-developed and we have recently introduced a permanent footprint of CID supervision within the locality with a Detective Inspector and Detective Sergeants now located in Perth and Kinross providing additional support to the CIU.

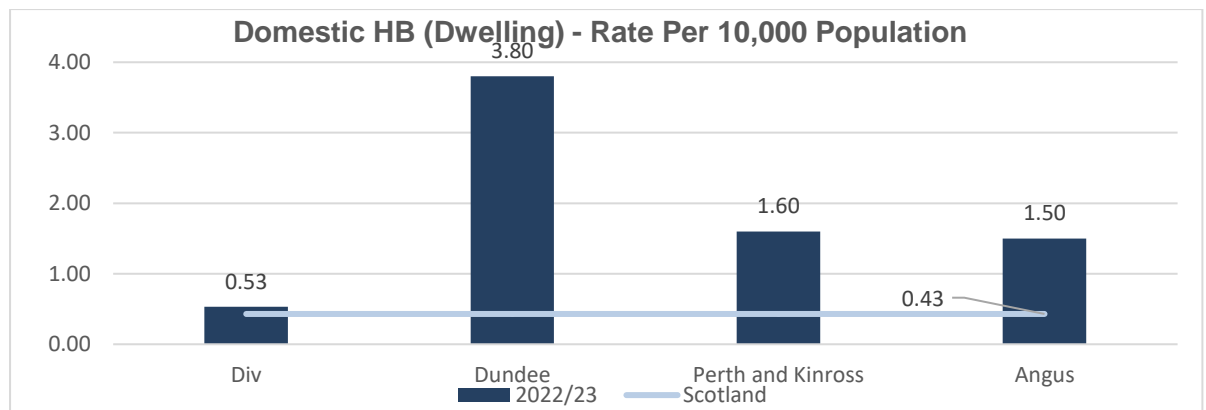
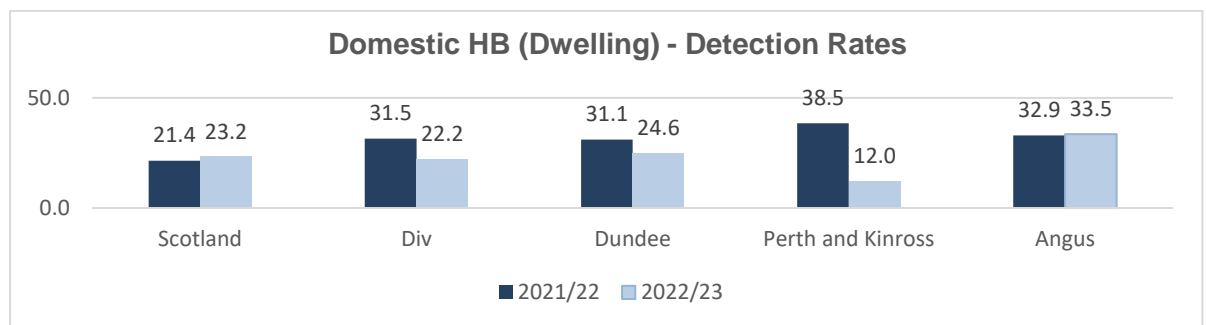
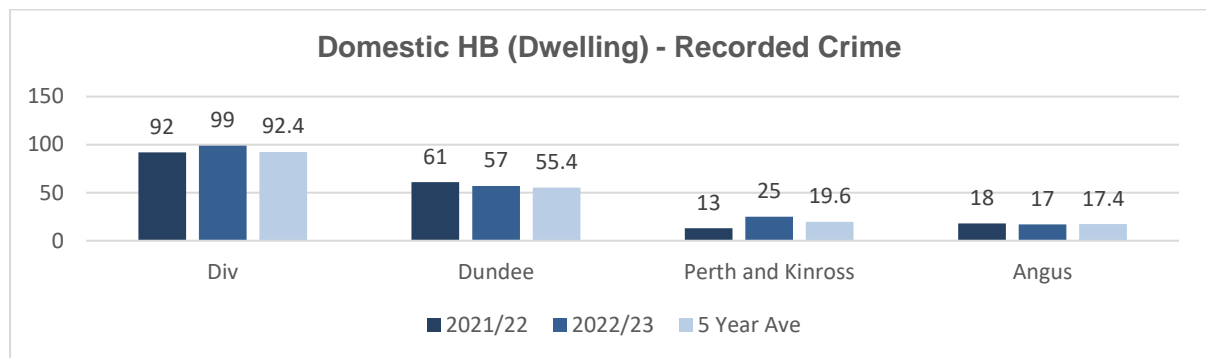
Through crime analysis, we continue to identify "hotspots" within the area and task resource and ensure high visibility patrols to prevent this form of crime. Crime prevention advice is also provided to the general public via our social media platforms and additional support is provided to victims by our Preventions officers who

can conduct crime prevention surveys and provide additional security advice to prevent further offences.

Detection rates for Domestic Housebreaking are lower than LYTD and lower than other areas of the Division, however it is worth noting that at the end of the reporting period 16 of the 25 offences remained under active investigation and it is anticipated our performance in this area will improve as investigations are concluded.

A number of the crimes recorded are attributable to a core group of 19 known criminals who were responsible for 160 offences across the whole of Tayside during June.

The majority of these repeat offenders have been arrested and charged, with 9 of them currently in custody awaiting trial. Others have been released following court appearance and are subject of restrictive bail conditions, which we continue to actively police.



## Fraud

Fraud continues to increase in line with both the Divisional and National picture, albeit the level of increase in Perth and Kinross is not as significant as seen in other areas of the Division.

As reported in previous submissions, reports of fraud have risen significantly since initial lockdown measures were introduced in 2020 following the COVID19 pandemic.

This saw a rapid increase in cyber-related criminality, as organised crime groups exploited the increase in internet usage in line with the general public working from home.

Detection rates unfortunately remain low and are a clear reflection of the many challenges faced when investigating such crimes. In many circumstances, it is apparent that online banking applications, often located out with the UK, are being utilised to facilitate fraudulent transactions. The jurisdictional challenges remain and add an additional layer of complexity and time delays, resulting in many of these offences being under investigation for a prolonged period of time. This is frustrating for victims and officers alike. Scams committed online become more sophisticated in their perpetration with criminals able to conceal their digital footprint.

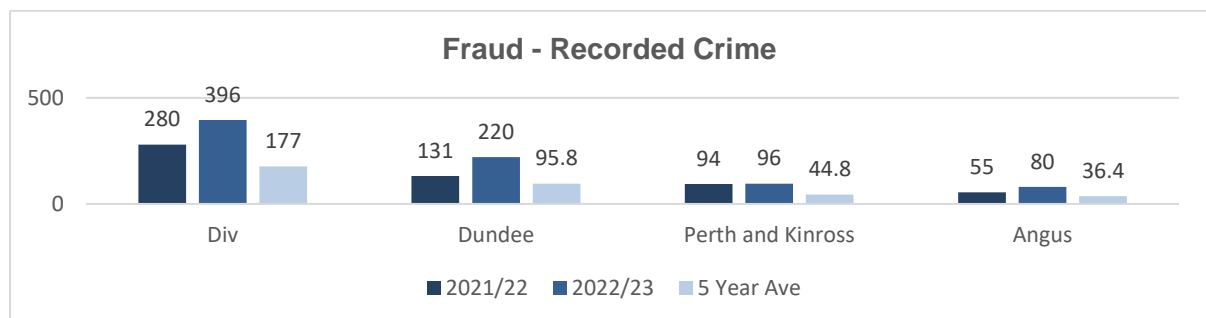
There is no apparent change in the way fraud is being committed and predictions suggest cyber-related criminality will continue in a similar manner to that experienced since last year.

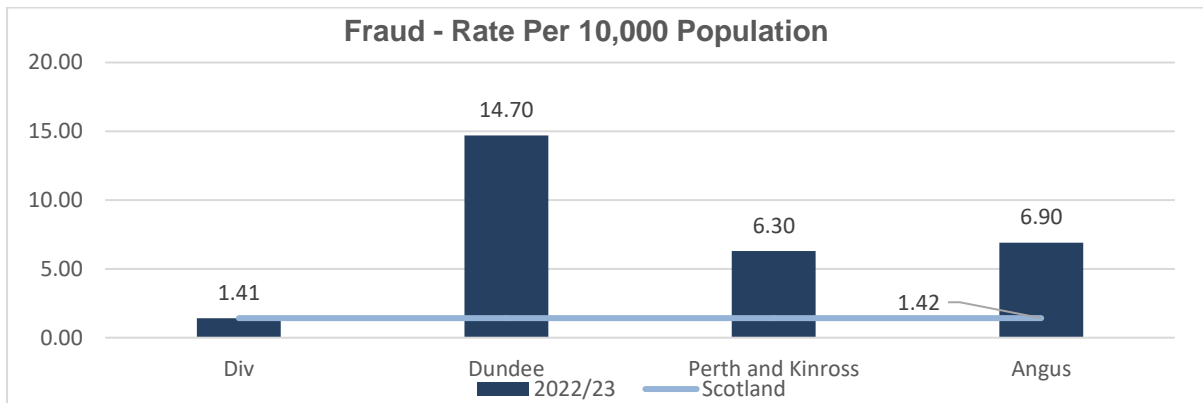
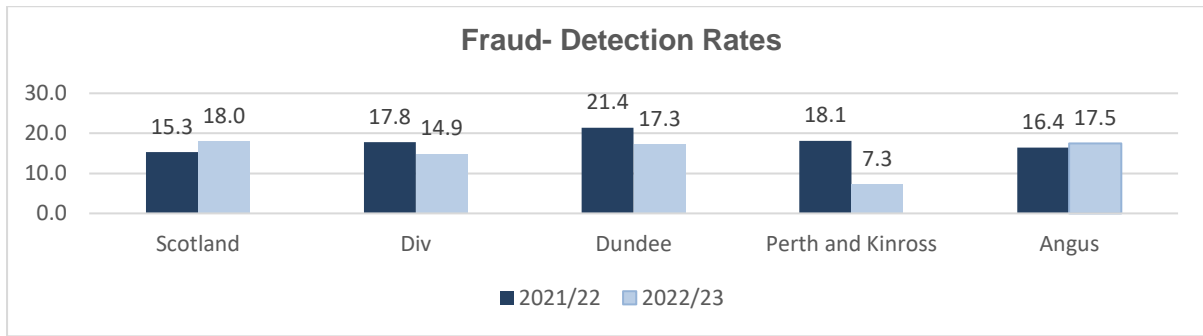
It is anticipated that the information gathered will result in many of the crimes being transferred to other jurisdictions for continued investigation and perpetrator enforcement.

In an attempt to tackle the growing issue with Fraud, the Division formed a Fraud Working Group to raise awareness of fraud, offering advice to the public in how to keep safe whilst online highlighting recent scams which are ongoing and how to avoid becoming a victim. These messages are conveyed through partners in Neighbourhood Watch, social media and public events in an attempt to reach a wider audience and those harder to reach demographics.

In terms of prevention work, all victims of Fraud are contacted by a Preventions Officer and offered advice by email or Fraud pack. Several victims have been referred to both Trading Standards and VSS for further support.

We continue to work with our partners to identify and support vulnerable victims, including financial establishments.



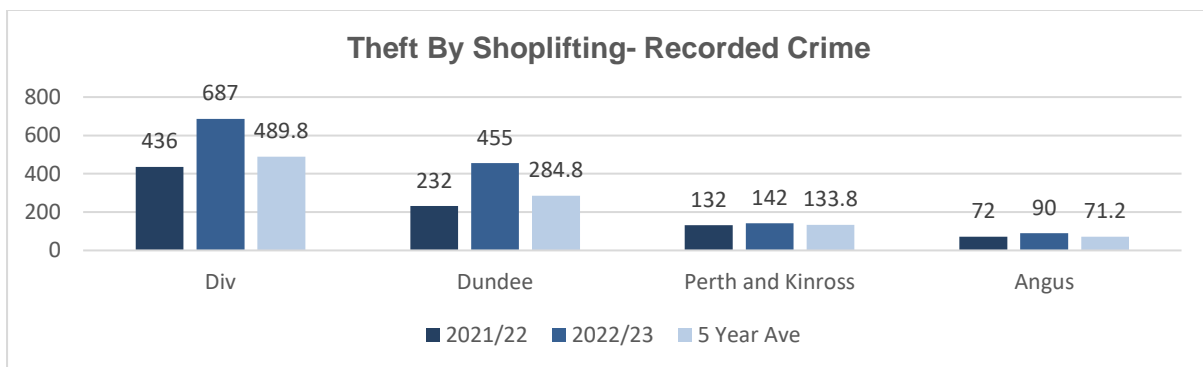


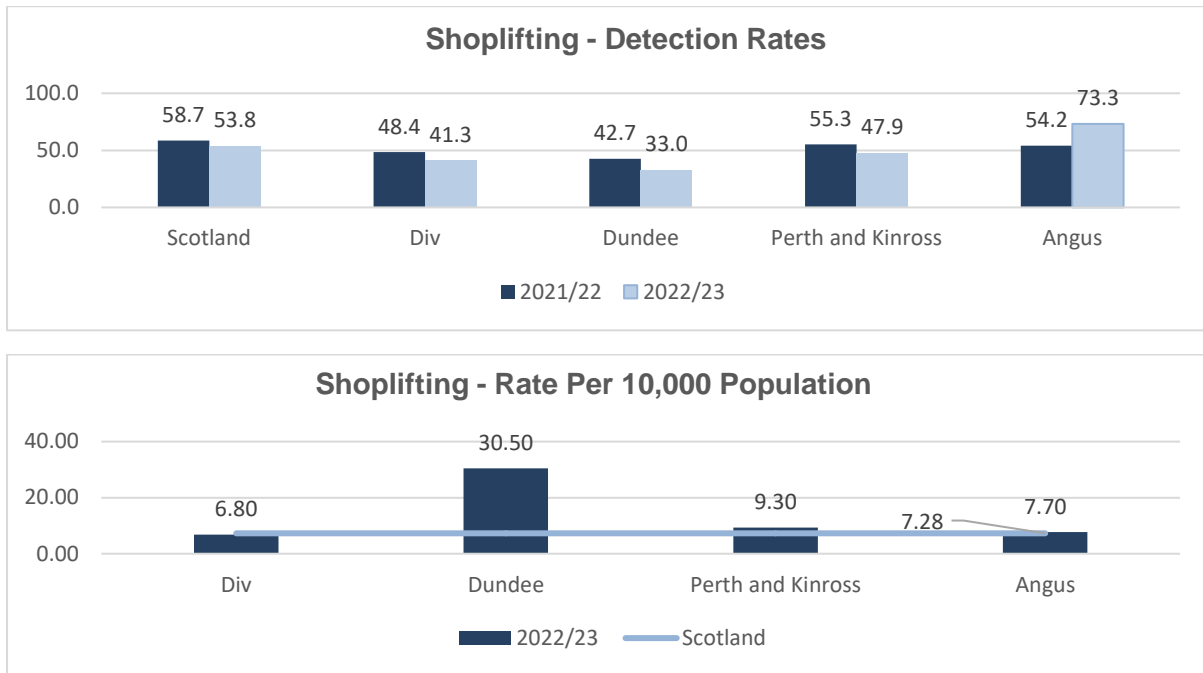
### Theft by Shoplifting

There were 142 offences of theft by shoplifting this quarter which is a slight increase on LYTD.

88% of the offences occurred within Perth with the other 12% of offences took place in South Perthshire. 67% of all crimes took place in a supermarket setting.

The Divisional Preventions Officers continue to liaise with the retail sector and offer crime prevention advice in respect of stock placement within premises in order to reduce this type of crime being committed.





### Motor Vehicle Crime

All acquisitive crimes are reviewed on a daily basis and discussed and where crime series are identified investigations are prioritised and local officers are supported by the Community Investigation Unit and Locality CID. All forensic opportunities are maximised in an effort to quickly identify and arrest perpetrators and we work closely with colleagues in our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions department to offer advice in relation to crime prevention and target hardening.

This reporting period has seen an increase in occurrence rates for motor vehicle crime with 9 additional crimes being recorded in comparison to the same period in 2021/22, an upward trend which is replicated throughout the Division.

Of the vehicle crime recorded during this reporting period 25% related to the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle with the remainder involving the theft of items from within vehicles.

Detection rates for vehicle crime has increased when compared to LYTD and is now significantly higher than the Divisional and National averages.

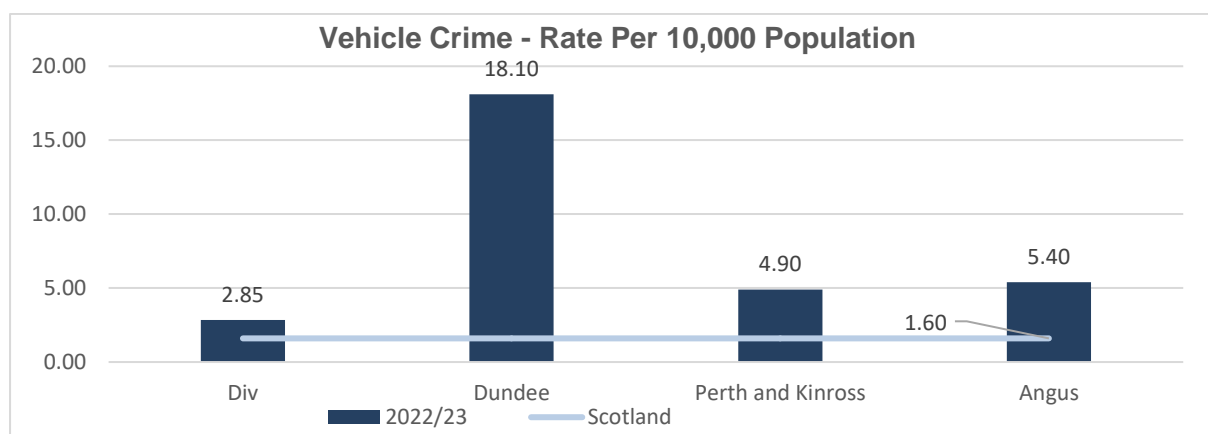
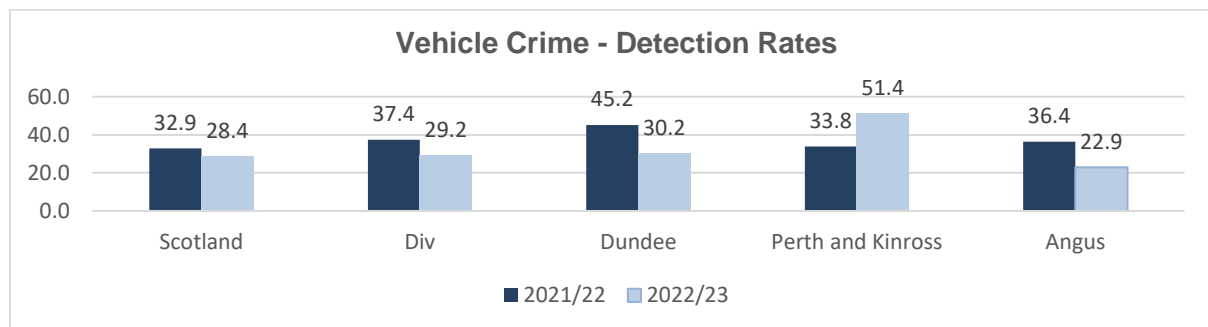
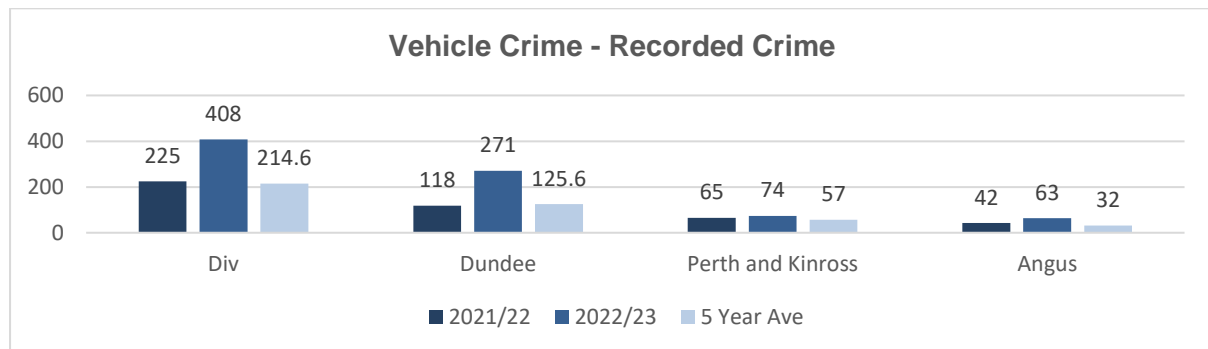
A significant number of the crimes recorded during the reporting period can be attributed to a small number of prolific offenders who we actively target to disrupt offending behaviour.

In April a 41 year old male from Perth was arrested and charged with 3 offences relating to thefts or attempted thefts from motor vehicles in Perth City Centre. He appeared at Court and was released on bail with curfew conditions requiring him to remain within his home address overnight. These conditions continue to be proactively policed as he awaits trial in order to prevent further offending.

In May, following an investigation led by the Community Investigation Unit, a 29 year old male from Perth was arrested and charged with a total of 10 offences relating to

thefts from motor vehicles in the Gannochy and Letham areas of Perth. The male appeared at Court and was released on curfew bail. Proactive checks, conducted by locality officers and the Community Investigation Unit, identified the male was breaching his bail conditions and he was quickly arrested and returned to custody awaiting trial.

In June, again following a CIU led investigation, a 34 year old male from Perth was arrested and charged with a total of 22 offences relating to thefts from motor vehicles in the Gannochy and Craigie areas of Perth. He subsequently appeared at Court and was released on curfew bail awaiting trial. We continue to proactively monitor compliance with these bail conditions to prevent reoffending.







**Road Safety  
and Road  
Crime**

Collaborate to  
reduce casualties  
and crime on our  
roads

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

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- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

## Operating Context

### Operation CEDAR

The principles of Operation CEDAR will be applied in the following ways across Tayside, linked to priority areas of focus:

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Challenge | Build effective partnership working and methods to develop new and innovative ways to improve road safety. Improve information sharing and analysis to support an evidence-led approach |
| Educate   | Deliver and evaluate educational initiatives to driver and road user behaviour, making effective use of media opportunities to highlight CEDAR and the work of the forum                |
| Detect    | Provide an intelligence-led and multi-agency approach to enforcement, supported by analytical products, to make the best use of available resources                                     |
| Reduce    | Ensure all road safety education, engineering and enforcement activity is focused on having the maximum positive impact on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured   |

The implementation of Operation CEDAR across Tayside and delivery of our Action Plan provides an opportunity to contribute to a consistent approach across the north of Scotland. It will refocus our efforts to further improve safety on Tayside's roads and promote active travel.

Perth & Kinross LPA tragically have suffered 1 adult fatality for the period under review

The incident occurred on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, whereby a 69 year old female lost her life when she was run over by a motor vehicle near to Kinloch Rannoch.

This is the only road traffic fatality for the Tayside area for the period under review.

Perth & Kinross LPA have had 12 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions which is a 29.4% decrease comparable with the same period last year where we saw 17 person seriously injured.

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Unfortunately, Perth & Kinross LPA have had a very slight increase of 7% in persons slightly injured as a result of road traffic collisions.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Perth & Kinross LPA. Focused patrol work will be complemented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking & Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local Policing and RPU Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on the Fatal 5 which are Dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving, Speeding, Seatbelts and mobile phones.

Based on strategic assessment a number of priority locations have been identified within in Perth & Kinross which were subject to focussed operation activity.

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| M90/A90 | (Perth & Kinross LPA) |
| A9      | (Perth & Kinross LPA) |
| A923    | (Perth & Kinross LPA) |
| A93     | (Perth & Kinross LPA) |
| A85     | (Perth & Kinross LPA) |
| A92     |                       |

For the period under review, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 3991 motorists across the Tayside area.

During the period under review Road Policing officers took part in a number of National Campaigns;

|            |                                                                                                                          |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 2022 | National 2 wheels campaign<br>Mobile phone Enforcement<br>Motorcycle Safety campaign<br>Launch of Rider Refinement North |
| May 2022   | Global road safety week                                                                                                  |
| June 2022  | Fatal 5 National Seatbelt campaign<br>Child Safety week (linked in with Road Safety Scotland's Good Egg).                |

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In Perth & Kinross LPA notable speeds recorded for the period under review were;

109 mph exceed 70mph limit

103 mph exceed 70mph limit

110 mph exceed 70 mph limit

94 mph exceed 60 mph limit

96 mph exceed 50 mph limit

Road Policing officers continue to provide high visibility and support to divisional officers throughout the Perth & Kinross area. It is recognised that positive engagement with road users is vital in order to improve driver and road user behaviour.

Police resources are being challenged by the driving habits of vulnerable road users. However, we are committed to working effectively with partners locally to address these issues through education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation all of which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.

### **Emerging threats and risks/ Updates**

Looking in to the coming month's lighter days, active travel, increased motorcycles and staycations all continue to be identified as emerging threats and risks.

### **NDS**

The New driver Scheme (NDS) will be implemented within Tayside Division in 2022. The NDS is a hard-hitting presentations to raise awareness of road safety issues.

The joint presentations, delivered by Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue service, will provide a solid reminder of the individual responsibilities that the driver has, both for themselves and for other road users.

Officer training has been complete and we are in consultation with Skills Development Scotland in relation to a delivery plan.

The NDS delivery plan is currently being worked on and we hope to commence delivery in the very near future.

### **Rider Refinement North (RRN)**

The Launch of Rider Refinement North (RRN) is set to run from the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 through to October 2022 with 8 sessions being scheduled. RRN is an opportunity for members of the public to purchase a day's motorcycle awareness with Road Policing Advanced Riders accompanied by an observer from the IAM.

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The course includes a presentation, demo rides and observational rides, the course is designed as a gateway to advanced riding and is run in partnership with Local Authority, Road Safety Scotland, IAM & RoSPA. The course costs attendees £40 which includes a lunch. Unfortunately demand always exceeds supply with only limited places available. Initial delivery of RRN has received extremely positive feedback with some excellent learning and opportunity to influence riding behaviour with candidates travelling from across Tayside to participate.

As RRN has been refreshed, the 2022 season is being evaluated by Caroline Hood from Robert Gordon University, we look forward to the evaluation report.

### **National Motorcycle Campaign**

The National motorcycle campaign continues and will again see RP focussed patrols on priority motorcycle routes throughout the division with joint working with neighbouring divisions and the SCU to detect and deter any motorcycle offences. C division have recently launched an unmarked motorcycle initiative which on first outing was very successful, as such efforts are being made to utilise similar techniques within Tayside Division, this includes a media strategy prior to deployment.

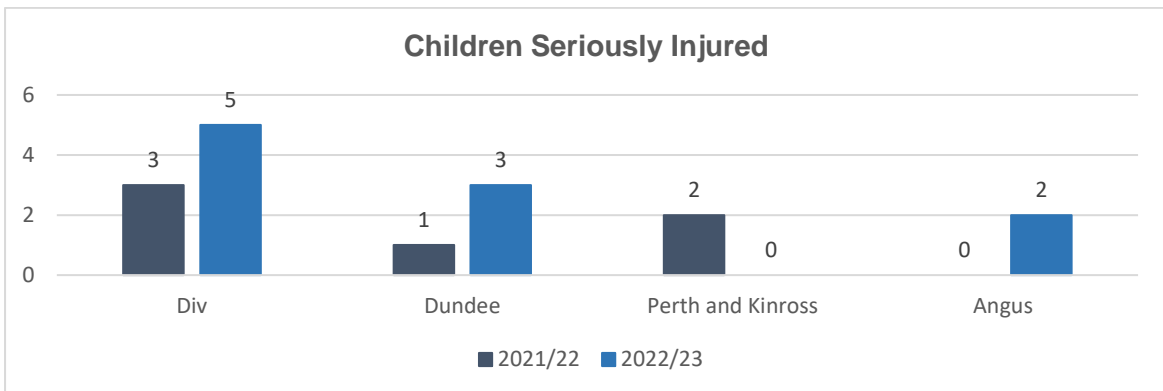
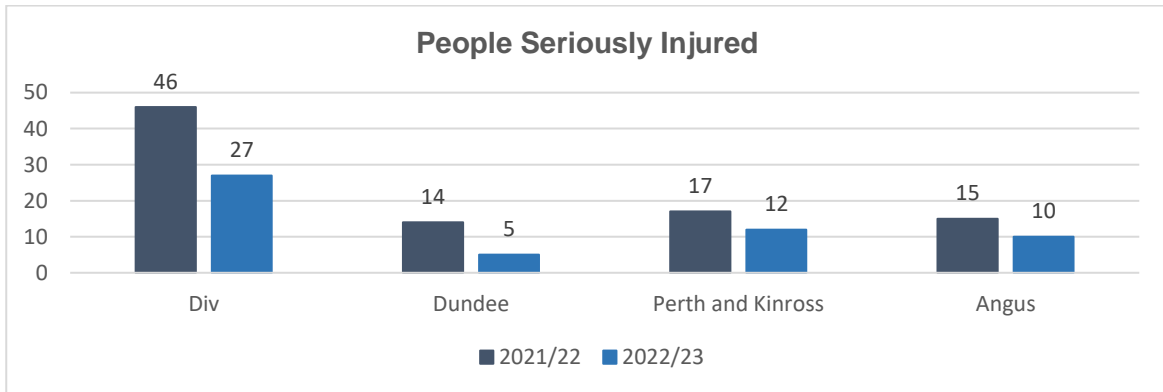
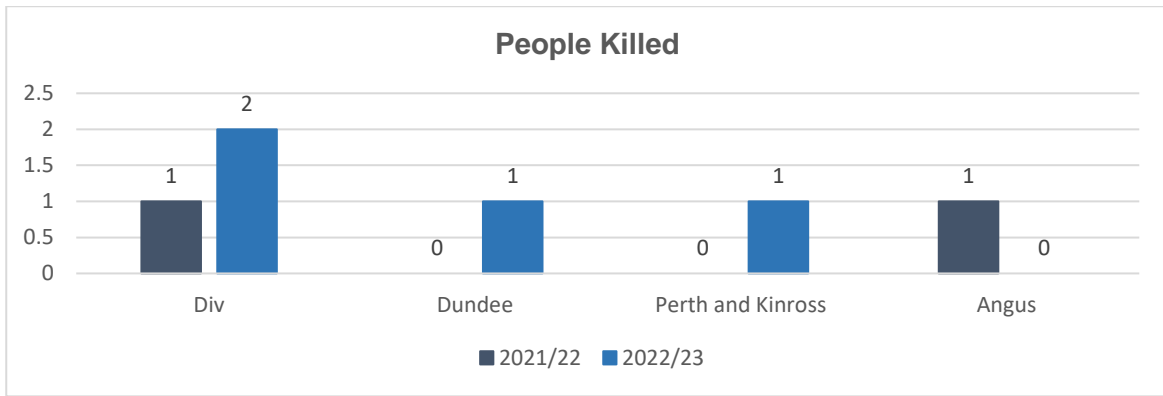
### **Operation Closepass**

Operation Closepass has again been delivered in Perth & Kinross LPA by Road Policing Officers, the message is that everyone deserves to be able to use Scotland's roads safely, and it is for all road users to take responsibility, whether they are on two, four or more wheels, powered or on foot.

### **Driver Engagement North**

Driver engagement north will be held across Tayside in the forthcoming months where older drivers and their families will be able to take part in an interactive driving session. Driver engagement is aimed at highlighting potential driving weaknesses the Driver Engagement North project makes use of an interactive driving simulator to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities.

The event has already been held at Dobbie's Perth, and was a resounding success with a number of positive interactions and a number of people finding the simulator slightly more difficult than first anticipated.



### Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Perth and Kinross have significantly decreased by 71.6%. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints which has had a significant impact of influencing driver behaviour.

Additionally the removal of a number of average cameras on the A9 will have an impact on the number of detections. This said specific patrols have been dedicated to the A9 and most motorists are abiding by the speed parameters in place.

Divisionally Tayside have also experienced a significant decrease with a total of 475 offenders detected which equates to a 68.8% reduction compared to the same period the previous year.

It is considered reasonable to assume that due to the price increase on fuel may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

### Activity

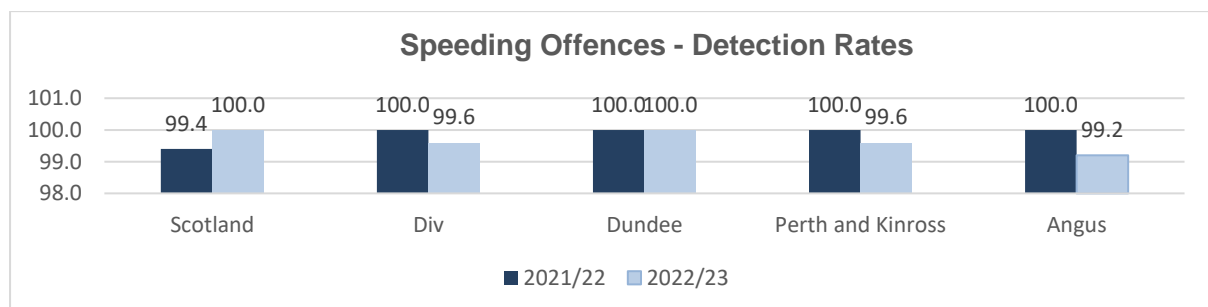
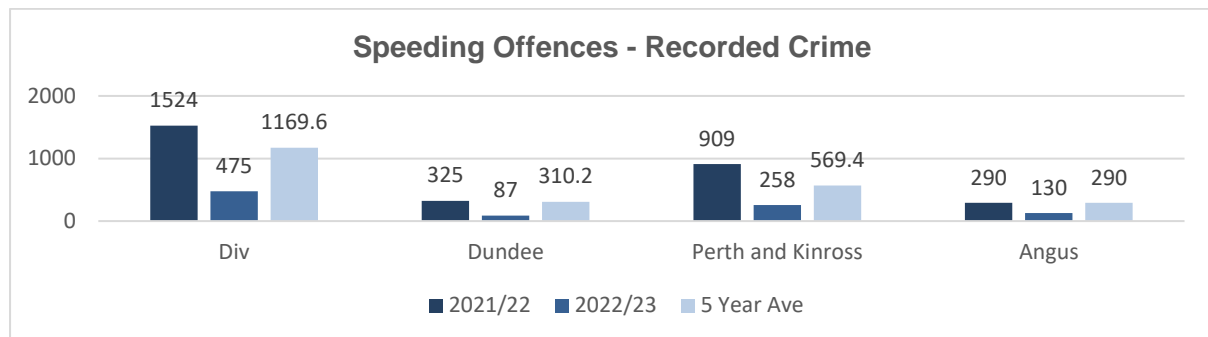
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

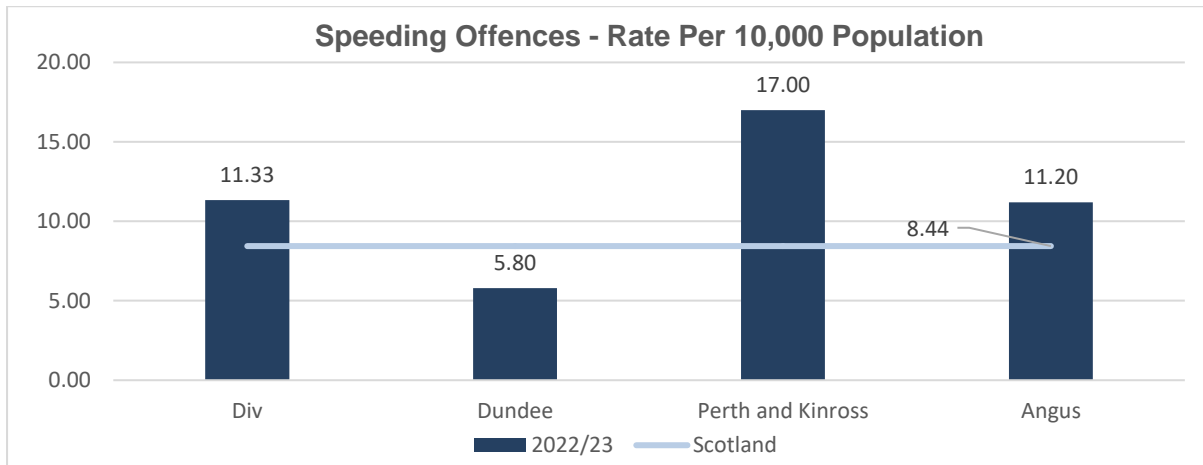
Close working relationships continue with N, NE, P and C Division, all of which have demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.

Partnership working with the SCU continues with a number of priority routes being targeted, increasing visibility is essential to improve driver and road user behaviour.

### Results

During the period under review 258 speeding offences were detected in Perth & Kinross, which is a significant decrease compared to the year previous, this figure also remains below the 5 year average.





### Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Perth & Kinross LPA have experienced a significant decrease of 42.9% compared to the same period of last year, this is extremely positive.

It should be noted that all three Tayside LPA's recorded a decrease in Drink/Drug driving for the period under review.

Across Tayside Division 221 Drink/drug driver detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 40.7% comparable to the data from the previous year, again which is extremely positive.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division year to date have conducted 218 breath tests and carried out 32 drug wipes, 13 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

### **Activity**

The detection of drivers who are impaired through either Alcohol or Drugs falls in to the daily business for Road Policing.

As we can see from the breakdown above, the drug wipe testing kit will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

Focus is not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's drive the morning after being under the influence.

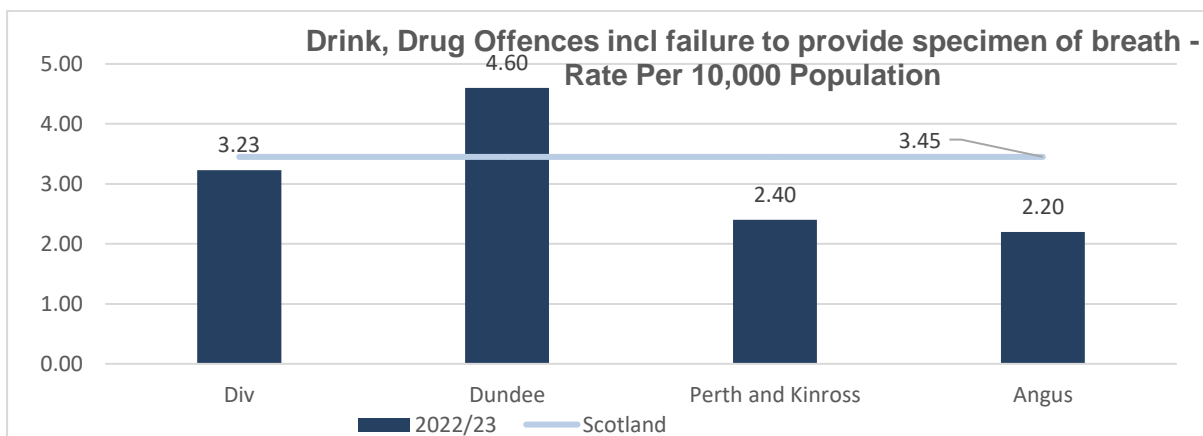
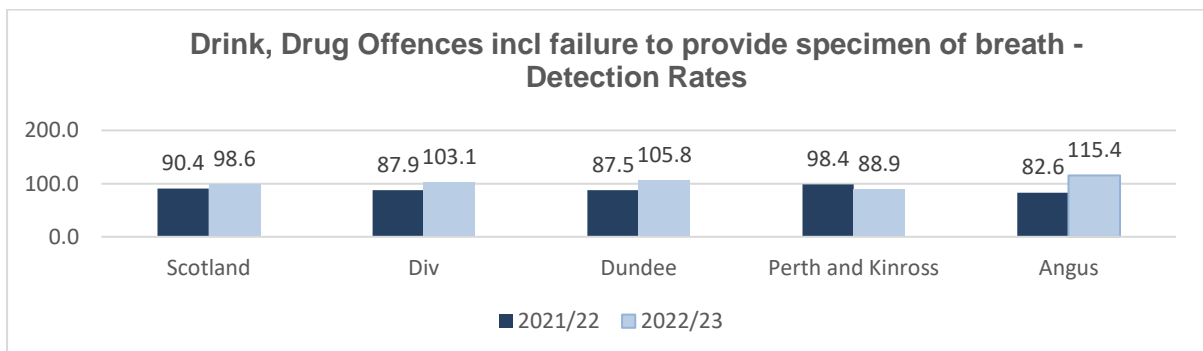
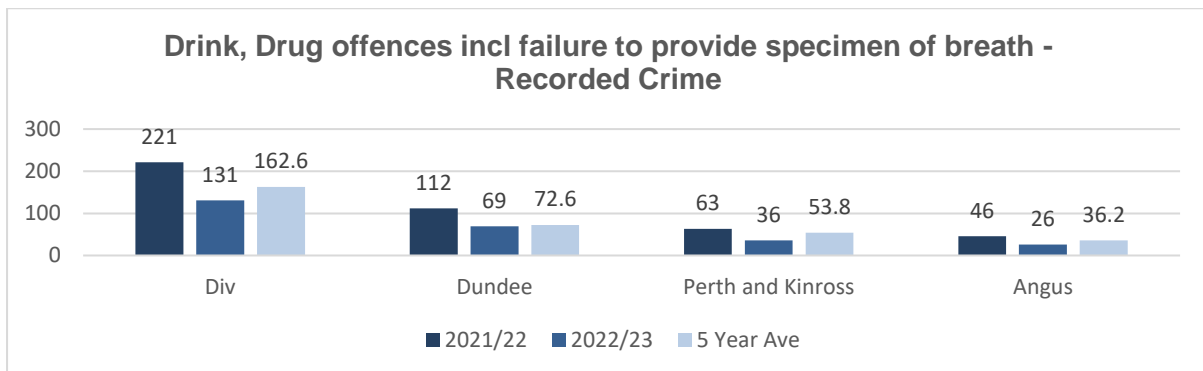
Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

## Results

During the period under review 36 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Perth & Kinross area. This is a significant decrease of 42.9% compared to the previous year.

## Challenges

Irrespective of Police campaigns and reinforcement through varying mediums, evidence suggests the message does not appear to be hitting home and road users are continuing to drive whilst under the influence which is completely unacceptable.





### Careless Driving

Perth & Kinross LPA saw a significant 34.1% decrease in Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

Tayside Division also experienced a significant decrease with 193 offenders being detected which equates to a 31.1% decrease comparable with the same period the year previous.

Additionally, it is considered reasonable to assume that due to the price increase on fuel duty may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

Part of the key to reducing Careless driving figures focus on influencing driver and road user behaviour.

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' and working with partners, Tayside Division road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activates and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

### **Activity**

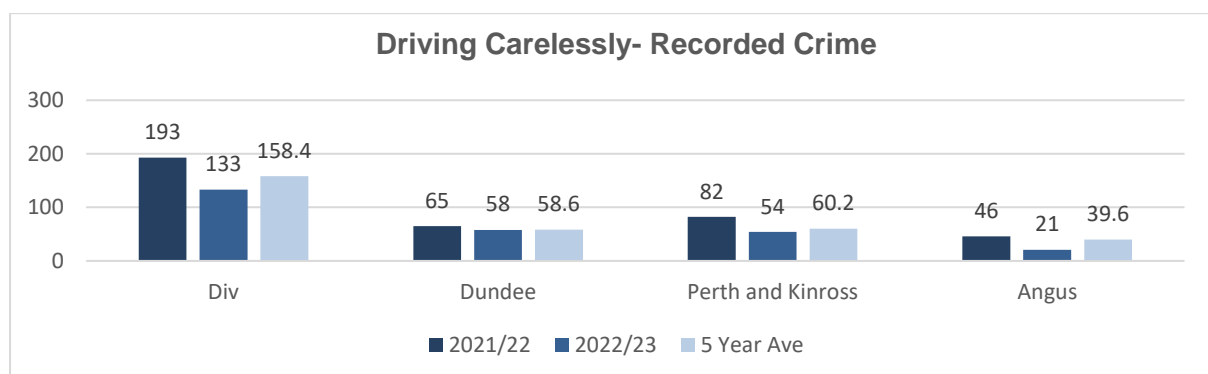
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

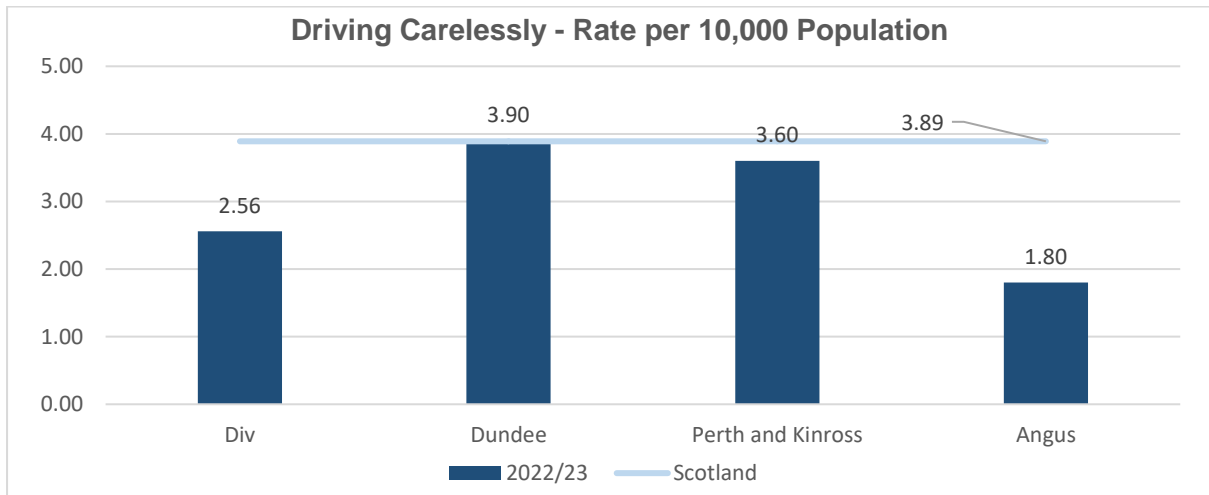
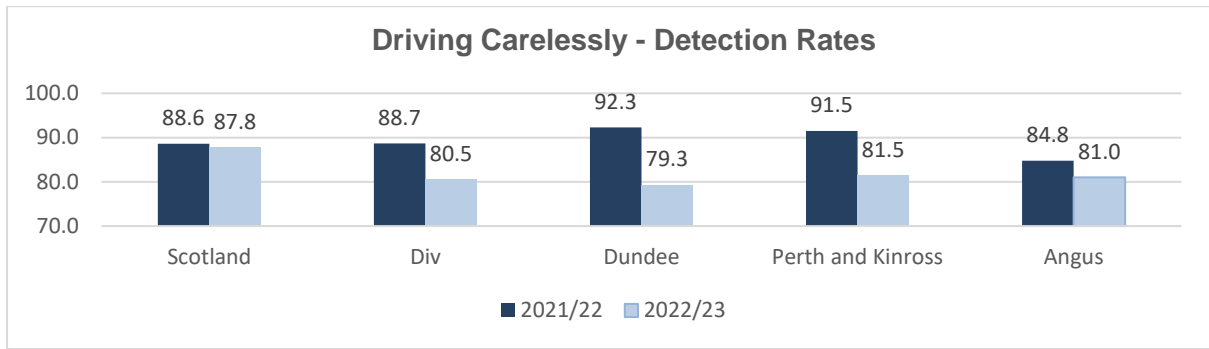
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Perth & Kinross.

This is reinforced with Route Strategy Days based on the previous collision data for the month and involve multiple units carrying out high visibility patrolling of the same route. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we utilise cross border joint operations.

As is with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies which maximises potential.







**Public  
Protection**

Support people  
considered  
vulnerable through  
working with  
partners

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

- Giving every child the best start in life
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

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Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the Division and all domestic incidents in Perth & Kinross are subject of review, both by local management and the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU). Priority is given to the arrest of any outstanding perpetrators, who are routinely traced and arrested within 24/48 hours of a crime being reported and we continue to work closely with partner agencies to ensure appropriate safeguarding measures are in place for victims.

The figures in the table below represent crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act (DASA) 2018.

There has been an increase in DASA crimes recorded in Perth & Kinross compared to 2020/2021 (6 additional crimes). This increase may be attributable to improvements made in relation to our response to Domestic Abuse, including an uplift of specialist Domestic Abuse Officers dedicated to Perth & Kinross. This increase in specialist resource has allowed us to enhance our response to Domestic Abuse with additional guidance being provided to response officers in relation to the identification of the often hidden coercive and controlling behaviour DASA offences. It has also enabled the introduction of a revised quality assurance process for all domestic crimes and incidents to ensure that the service we deliver to victims is in accordance with national standards.

The detection rate for DASA offences has seen an improvement on the 2020/21 figure, which brings it line with the Divisional rate. A small number of DASA offences, which are undetected, remain under active investigation by Local Perth and Kinross officers and colleagues from Specialist units, including the DAIU and the Domestic Abuse Task Force. A number of these outstanding enquiries form part of more complex investigations, which can be protracted in nature.

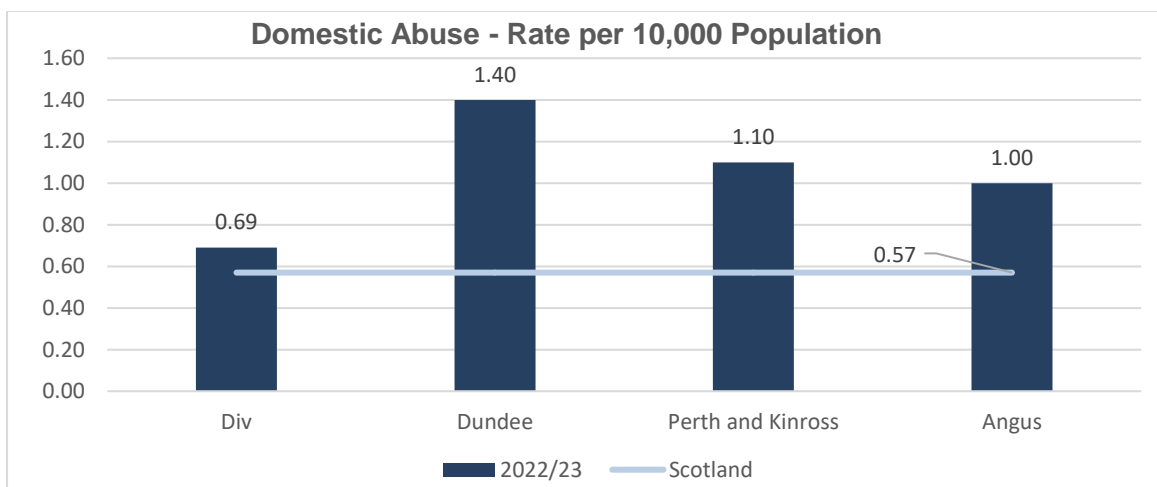
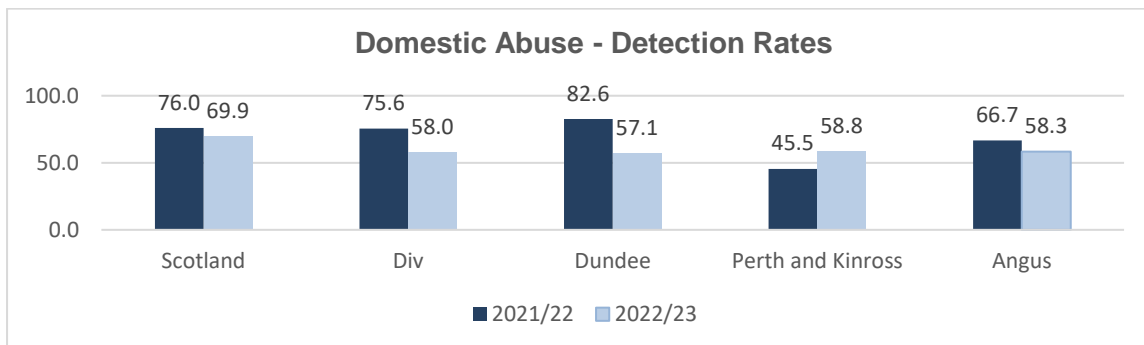
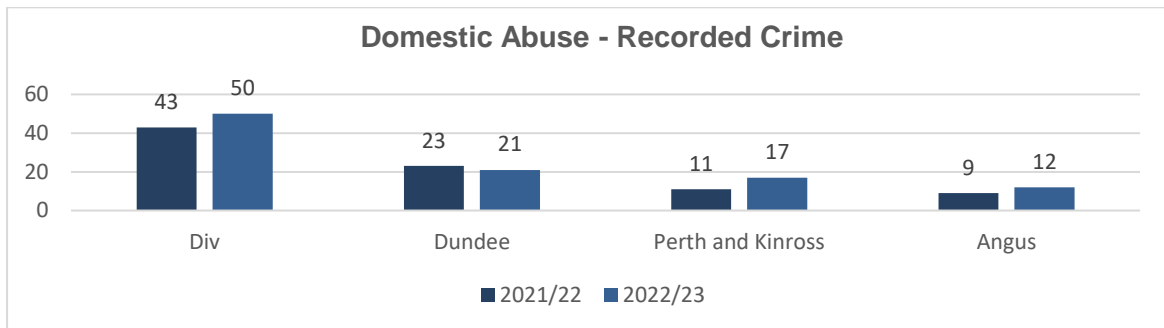
Perth & Kinross continues to experience high levels of reported Domestic Abuse incidents with the rate per 10,000 of population remaining above the national average.

Along with specialist departments, including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force, we continue to work with partner agencies to ensure safeguarding of victims and pursue every opportunity to target perpetrators and prevent further harm.

During the reporting period 2 males from Perth and Kinross were the subject of active MATAC investigations.

Significant court outcomes during Q1:

- A 29 year old male was convicted of 5 offences against 3 previous partners, which included Rape, Indecent Assault and Assault. He was sentenced to 6 years imprisonment.
- A 38 year old male was convicted of 9 offences against 4 previous partners, which included Assault & Abduction, Assault to Injury & Danger to Life, Assault to Injury and DASA offence. He was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment.
- A 23 year old male was charged with 13 offences against 4 previous partners, which included Assaults and DASA offence. He is remanded in custody awaiting trial.



## Hate Crime

Processes remain in place across the Division to monitor and review all Hate crimes and incidents to ensure these are being identified and recorded appropriately.

A daily review is carried out of Hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends and to allow appropriate interventions to take place. Relevant partnership working allows for victims and communities to be signposted to support agencies and for reassurance messages and hate material to be shared.

The primary aims of this partnership activity is to increase hate awareness amongst groups and communities, the re-training of existing local Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRCs) continues as does identifying new premises and maintaining current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.

The National Hate Crime Campaign ran into this quarter delivering the message that Hate Crime is unacceptable and should be reported. Materials were shared with different communities and local TRPC's.

A number of drop-in sessions were carried out by community officers across the division highlighting Hate Crime and highlighting reporting mechanisms including the use of TPRCs.

Other activity ongoing within Perth and Kinross includes

- Review of TRPC's by our Partnerships Interventions and Preventions Team (PIP)
- Training for New Hate Crime Champions
- PIP Liaising with PKAVS in relation to engagement with seldom heard communities
- Police have been invited to have input in a community engagement exercise regarding Seldom Heard Communities, this will focus on circumstances impacting communities based on the Race Equality Framework including New Scots & Migration, Work, Volunteering & Education, Housing & Income, Health & Family and Community & Voice.
- Hate Crime information and Show Racism the Red Card inputs planned to take place at schools involving CPT, Safer Communities Team and St Johnstone Community Trust.

Op Escarpment – Police continue to liaise with each of the local authorities in relation to the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, providing support where applicable and sharing relevant documentation including victim of war crimes information.

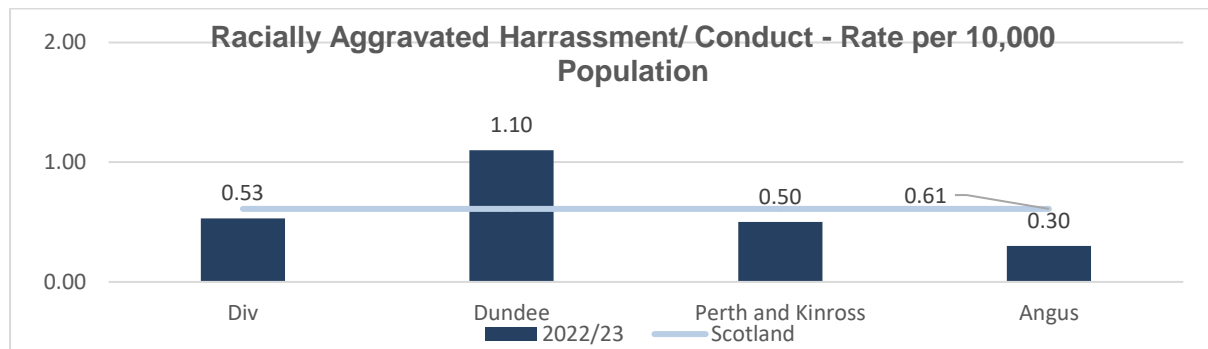
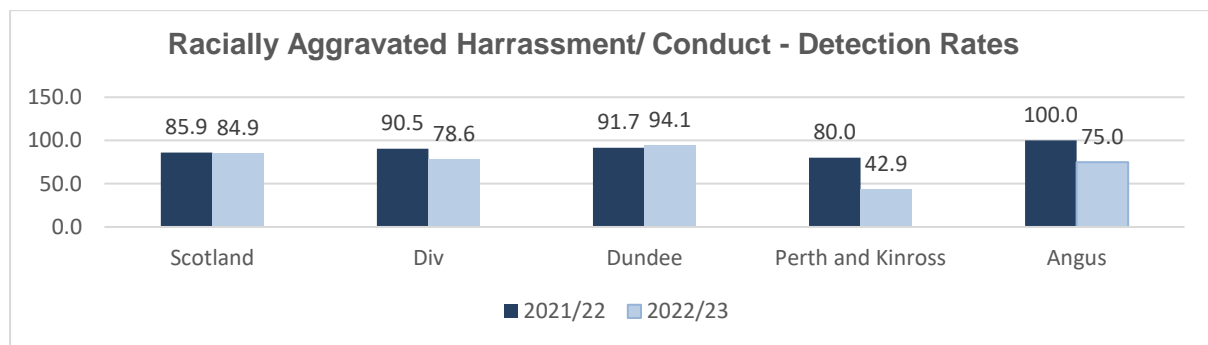
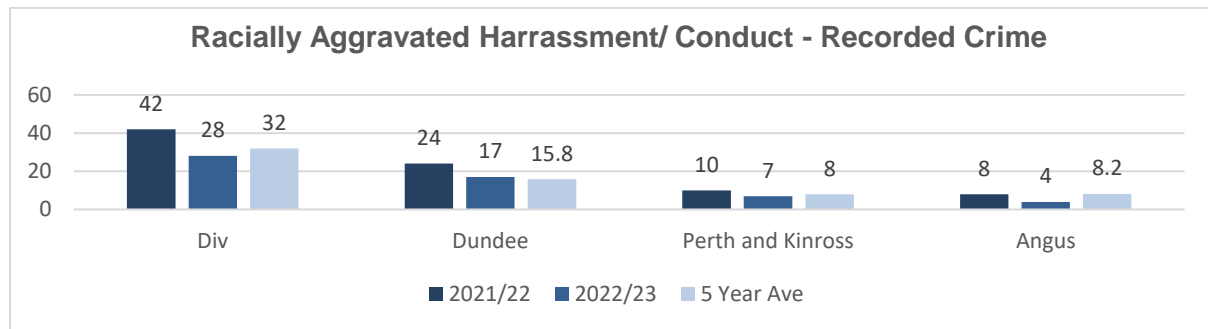
Regular police engagement and reassurance visits have also been carried out at premises housing a number of male, primarily Muslim asylum seekers.

The figures below relate to Racially Aggravated Harassment / Conduct and show a reduction of 3 crimes when compared with LYTD with overall figures below the 5 year average.

Racially Aggravated Conduct continues to be the most common aggravator for Hate Crimes recorded in Perth and Kinross followed by Sexual Orientation.

As with previous reports the locations for these offences is varied and includes education and health care settings with multiple crimes being recorded at one incident. No clear patterns or trends are apparent, however, as with other areas or criminal activity there are links to alcohol and substance misuse on the part of perpetrators.

Further analysis is being carried out in relation to perpetrators to support intervention and prevention activity.



### Sexual Crime

There was an increase in sexual crimes recorded in Perth & Kinross in comparison to LYTD (22 additional crimes), which is also above the 5 year average.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is lower than 2020/2021 with 3 fewer crimes recorded, which is in line with the 5 year average.

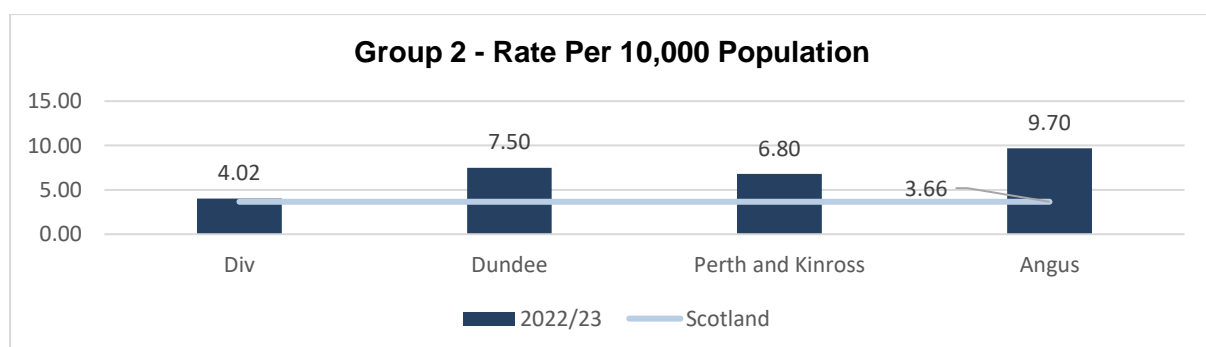
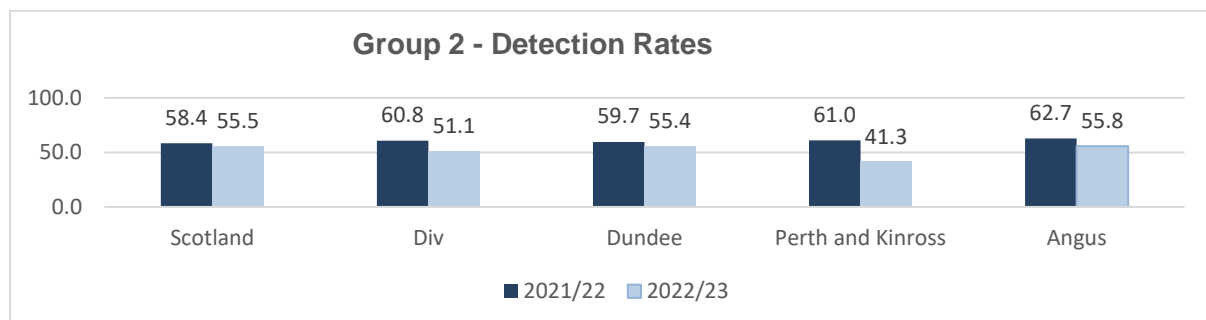
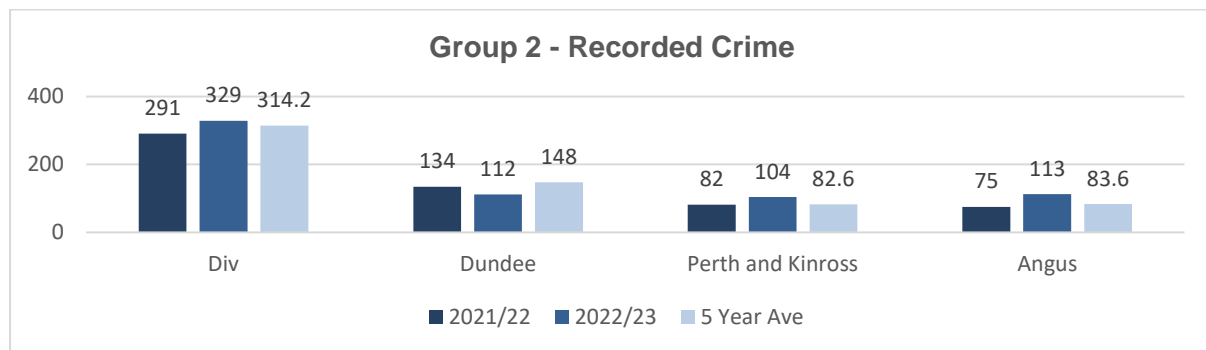
As per previous reports, many sexual offences which are reported have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and are classed as non-recent (i.e. the

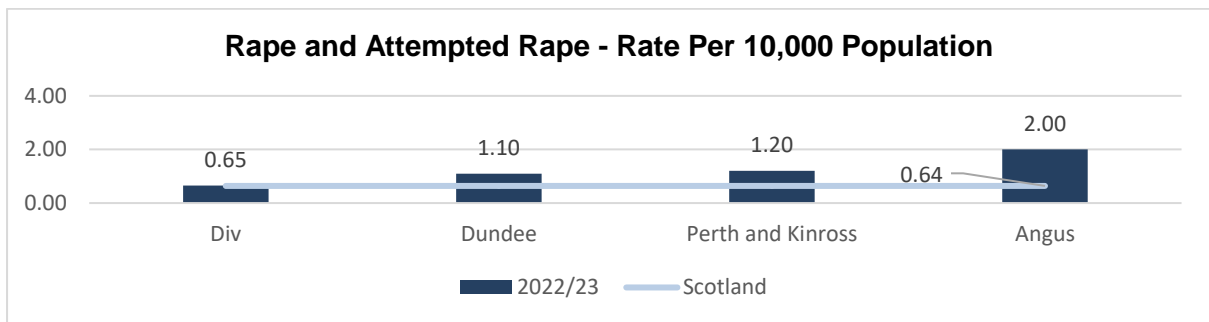
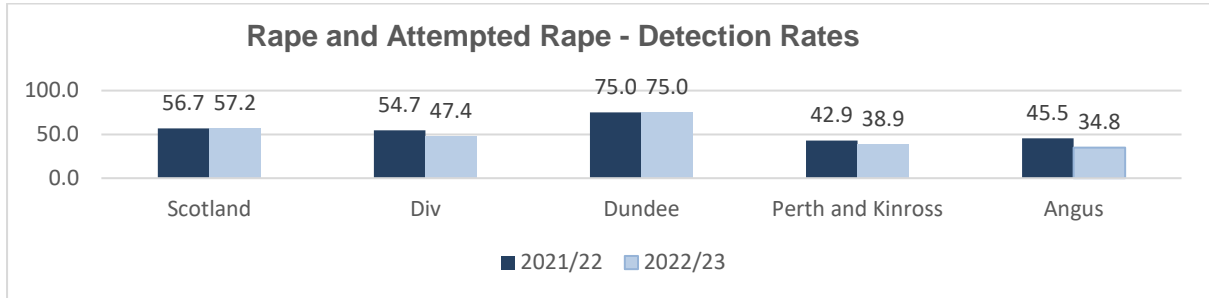
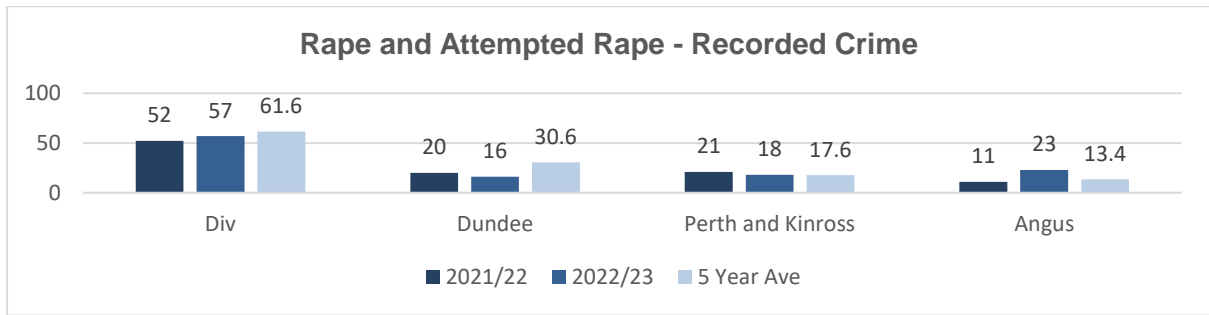
offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police). In a number of these cases, multiple crime reports are raised in respect of one report from one victim, detailing multiple incidents and in all cases the victim and perpetrator were known to each other prior to the commission of the offence.

All rape investigations are conducted by specially trained officers and are overseen by an experienced Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

The detection rates for rape and sexual crime are lower than LYTD, however levels of non-recent reports mean investigations are more protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion. A number of these more complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

It is positive that there is increased confidence in reporting non-recent sexual crime, however this presents challenges as investigations are more protracted and evidence which may provide corroboration may have been lost due to the passage of time. As previously reported, Tayside Division created a dedicated team to deal with non-recent sexual offences and we continue to ensure that victims are offered the support of partner agencies throughout and after the enquiry.









### Serious Organised Crime

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

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### Operating Context

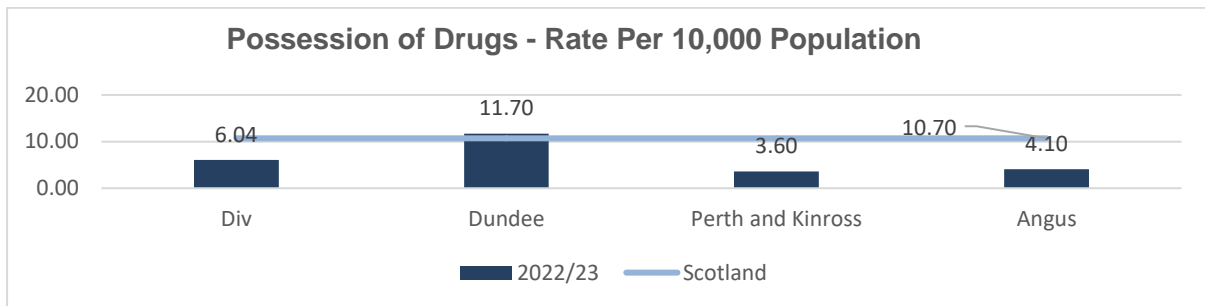
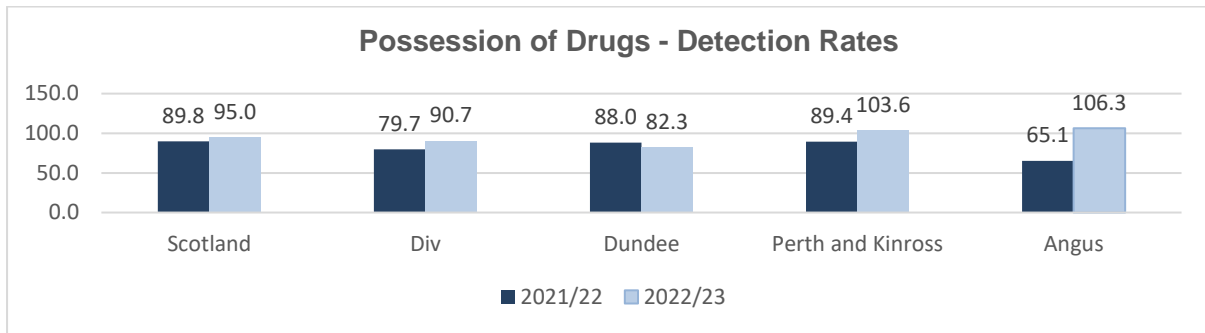
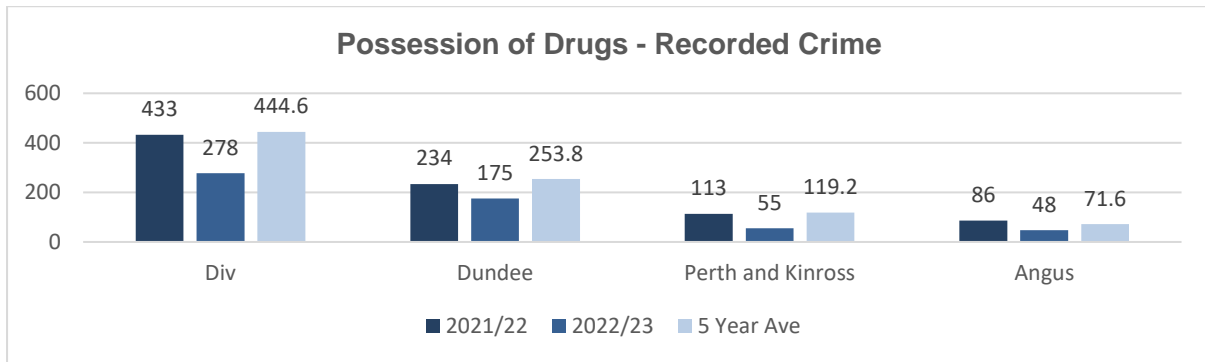
The pursuit of individuals involved in drug related serious and organised crime across Perth and Kinross remains a priority. We are aware of the national issues associated with County Lines and Cuckooing and take all available steps to reduce the harm this presents to the most vulnerable people in our communities. This type of practice is closely monitored through the Divisions Cuckooing Operations Group and our Intelligence Unit.

Our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions team augment the good work carried out by local officers and continue to work with key partners to support victims who are being targeted and exploited. We take every possible opportunity to identify and arrest those individuals involved in County Lines and Cuckooing behaviour. We continue to apply our resilient response to any such report of these activities seeking to drive these offenders out of our communities.

The availability of controlled drugs within Perth and Kinross continues to act as a driver for both crimes of violence and acquisitive crime. Many of these victims are individuals embroiled in the chaotic lifestyles associated with drug addiction. There is little doubt that such addiction leads to increased vulnerability resulting in the need for the sustained support of local authority and third sector services. Welfare visits continue to be carried out to ensure victims are identified, supported and referred to appropriate services where possible.

Possession of drugs figures have fallen below the levels recorded last year and remain below the five year average. In this reporting quarter, 55 crimes of this nature were recorded, a reduction of over 50%, with an overall detection rate of 103%. This accounts for some of the backlog experienced at the Police Laboratory.

Cannabis, Heroin, Cocaine and "Street Valium" continue to be recovered from individuals in the Perth and Kinross area.



### Supply of Drugs

We continue to prioritise our response and enforcement through the development of quality intelligence and accurate analysis. This development and enforcement has involved specialist support from colleagues in national Divisions including Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Units, Operational Support Division and National Human Trafficking Unit.

As well as targeting those involved in the supply of controlled drugs, we also look to deliver support to individuals who are victimised by those involved in the supply of drugs. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway continues to play an important role in this collaborative approach.

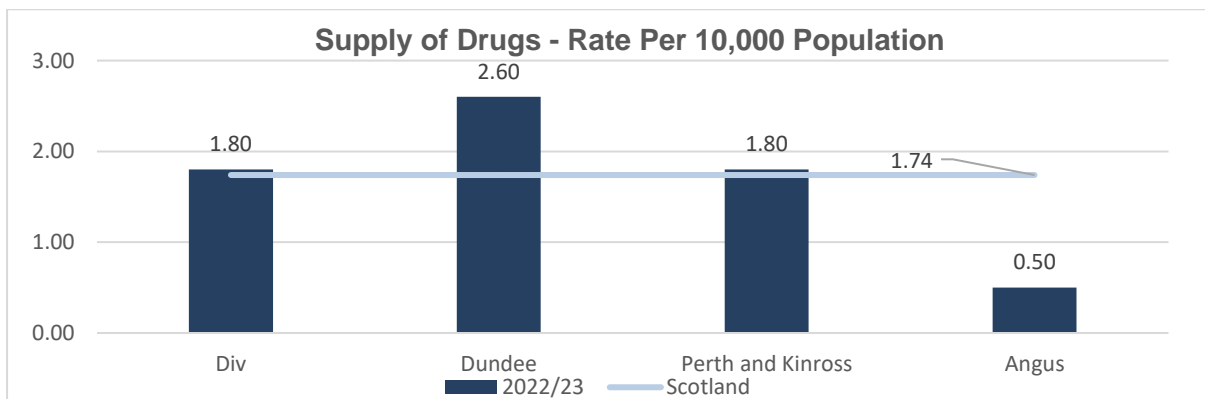
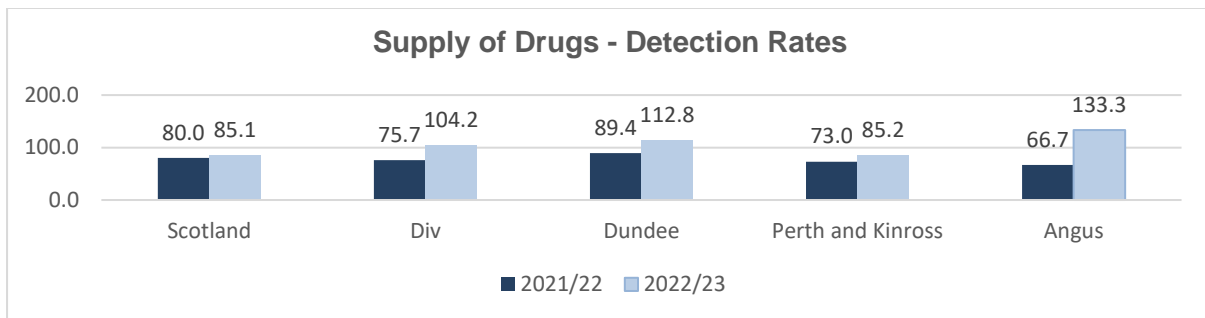
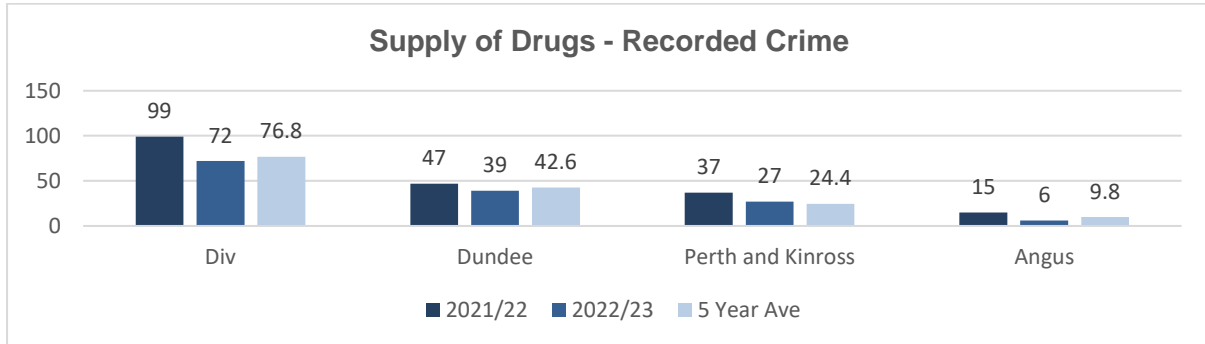
There remains a cultural problem in respect of drug addiction within parts of Perth and Kinross, which drives demand and provides a market for those criminals who would seek to exploit vulnerable people. Enforcement activity is one part of the solution, however the sustained focus of the Police and partners remains critical in tackling the broader social impact of drugs within the area.

There has been a reduction in the number of Drug Supply offences recorded when compared to LYTD (10 fewer crimes), however we remain marginally above the 5 year average.

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Detection rates have increased when compared to LYTD and are in line with the national average.

Operation Greenshanks is a CID led investigation targeting a Perth based network responsible for dealing a variety of illicit drugs throughout Perth and Kinross and the wider Division. Enforcement conducted in June resulted in the arrest of a Perth based male and the seizure of £3000 of drugs and £2300 cash. A Perth based male was arrested and is currently remanded in custody awaiting trial.



### Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £20,725

Expedited Civil Recoveries: No cases during the reporting period

Assets for restraint: No cases during the reporting period.



**Counter  
Terrorism and  
Domestic  
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,  
Protect and  
Prepare through  
collaborative  
preparedness

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CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence." CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare*.

- **Pursue:** the investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks.
- **Prevent:** work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.
- **Protect:** improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack.
- **Prepare:** working to minimise the impact of an attack and to recover from it as quickly as possible.

### **Operating Context**

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL this means it is deemed an attack is likely.

Divisional officers continue to support partners and organisations in various CONTEST related matters including advice on security and protection of premises and the mitigation of physical and cyber-attacks.

A number of Community Officers are also trained to be local CONTEST officers providing a capacity to promote delivery of the strategy throughout communities as part of daily business.



## Wildlife Crime

Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priority:

- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

*This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:*

- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

### Operating Context

Wildlife Crime is any act that is made illegal in Scotland under legislation with regard to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea.

It includes the illegal disturbance, destruction, theft and sale of animals and plants both in the countryside and urban areas, and includes the destruction of and damage to protected habitats.

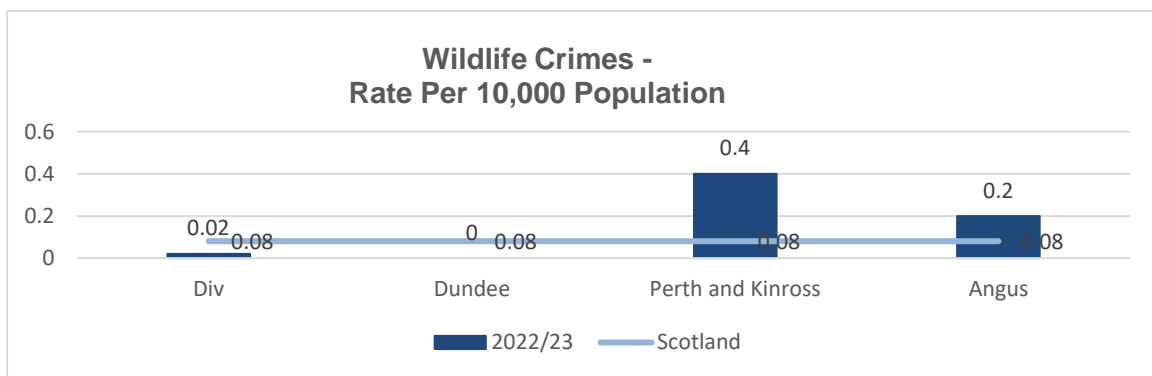
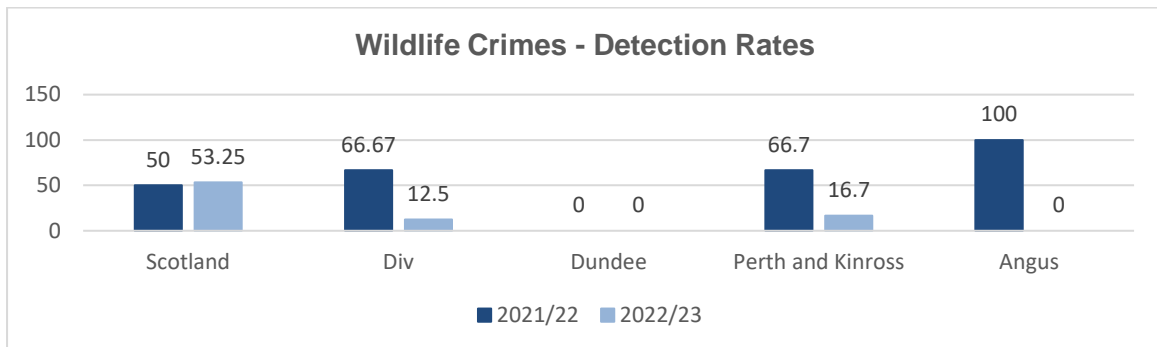
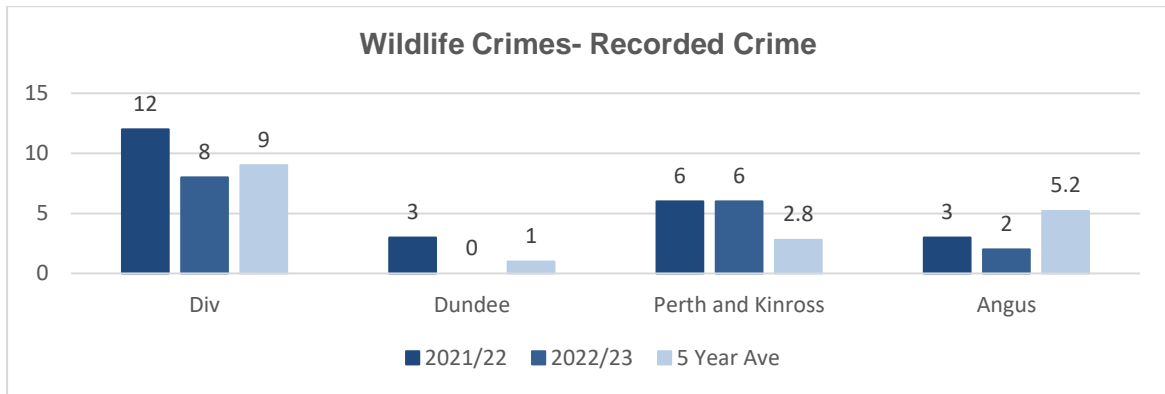
The overall number of Wildlife crimes recorded YTD has remained static when compared with 2021/22.

All Wildlife crimes are reviewed by a dedicated Wildlife Crime Liaison Officer based within CID who provides advice and guidance to investigating officers and acts as link to national assets within Specialist Crime Division and wider partnerships.

Responsibility for the investigation of wildlife crime can lie with any operational officer and a Wildlife Crime toolkit has been created to further ensure consistency of investigative practice and this is further supplemented by a new online training package for all operational officers.

Detection rates for Wildlife crime are currently lower than LYTD, however it is worth noting this relates to 4 undetected crimes, all of which remain under active investigation. Investigations in relation to Wildlife crime can be protracted in nature and often requires consultation with partner agencies and detailed forensic examinations of articles recovered from locus of offences.

It is anticipated that our performance in this area will see improvement as these remaining enquiries are brought to a conclusion, continuing the upward trend we saw in 2021/22.



## Complaints about the Police

Members of the public need to have confidence that should they wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about the quality of policing service provided or the actions of an individual, their concerns will be listened to and appropriate action taken.

Frontline Resolution (FLR) will be attempted for allegations which are non-serious, non-criminal and non-complex in nature. This involves resolution by explanation, apology or assurance. Where this cannot be achieved, a full enquiry in accordance with statutory guidance will be undertaken.

Should complainers remain dissatisfied with the handling of a complaint upon its completion, they may contact the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) to request an independent Complaint Handling Review.

### Complaints Received

Table: Complaints received for Tayside Division (Apr-June) <sup>1</sup>

| Category                       | LYTD | YTD | % change from LYTD |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|--------------------|
| Complaints Received - TOTAL    | 157  | 102 | -35.0%             |
| Allegations Received - TOTAL   | 262  | 173 | -34.0%             |
| Off Duty Allegations           | 0    | 1   | x                  |
| On Duty Allegations            | 191  | 112 | -41.4%             |
| Quality of Service Allegations | 71   | 60  | -15.5%             |

<sup>1</sup> Data is correct as at 30/06/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 35% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by decreases in Angus of 56.8%, Perth & Kinross of 36.6% and Dundee City of 20.8%.

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 34%. This is determined by a decreases in Angus of 59.7%, Perth & Kinross of 11.3% and within Dundee City of 29.3%.

Please note that the data above covers all complaints and allegations against Tayside Division. Therefore, this does not include resources from Specialist Divisions which provide services within the area (e.g. Contact, Command and Control).

## Appendix

Rate 1 per 10,000 figures are based on the following population data:

2 - Mid-year population data based on extracts from National Records for Scotland (<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>), as at April 2016.

3 - Due to when population data are published it is necessary to use earlier mid-year estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.

|                         | Reporting Period <sup>3</sup>                             |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | 2017/18                                                   | 2018/19          | 2019/20          | 2020/21          | 2021/22          | 2022/23          |
|                         | Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons) <sup>2</sup> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                         | 2014                                                      | 2015             | 2016             | 2017             | 2018             | 2019             |
| <b>FORCE / SCOTLAND</b> | <b>5 347 600</b>                                          | <b>5 373 000</b> | <b>5 404 700</b> | <b>5 424 800</b> | <b>5 438 100</b> | <b>5 463 300</b> |
| Tayside                 | 413 800                                                   | 415 040          | 415 470          | 416 090          | 416 080          | 417 470          |
| Angus                   | 116 740                                                   | 116 900          | 116 520          | 116 280          | 116 040          | 116 200          |
| Dundee City             | 148 130                                                   | 148 210          | 148 270          | 148 710          | 148 750          | 149 320          |
| Perth & Kinross         | 148 930                                                   | 149 930          | 150 680          | 151 100          | 151 290          | 151 950          |



## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

### Housing & Social Wellbeing Committee

7 September 2022

#### COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

#### Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services

(Report No 22/201)

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) since the previous report on 15 June 2022.

| 2. RECOMMENDATION |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2.1               | <p>It is recommended that the Committee notes the following CPP activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• progress in developing the final version of the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan;</li> <li>• progress with locality work in Coupar Angus;</li> <li>• response to the climate emergency through the Climate Change Working Group; and</li> <li>• involvement in support of the free period products initiative in Perth and Kinross.</li> </ul> |

### 3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:

- Section 4: Recommendations
- Section 5: Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)
- Section 6: Locality Working in Coupar Angus
- Section 7: Climate Change
- Section 8: Free Period Products Initiative
- Section 9: Conclusion
- Appendices

### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the following CPP activity:

## **5. LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP)**

5.1 The draft LOIP was presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board on 24 June 2022. Partners were reminded of the strategic priorities for the LOIP:

- Reducing Poverty & Mitigating Cost of Living Crisis
- Physical and Mental Wellbeing
- Digital Participation
- Skills, Learning and Development
- Employability

5.2 Examples of key actions under each strategic priority were presented to Board members:

- Establishing a Cash First Partnership (CFP) in Perth and Kinross. CFPs seek to change the focus of support to people who are struggling to make ends meet. Instead of offering short-term material support, the CFP approach works with individuals and families to maximise income and ensure cash is the long-term focus, with the dignity and choice that this brings. At its meeting on 9 September, the CPP will be asked to lead an application to Scottish Government to be a CFP pilot.
- Supporting asylum seekers and refugees to be active, healthy and engaged through cultural, leisure and educational activities, with support from the Council, Health & Social Care Partnership, Perth College, Culture Perth and Kinross, PKAVS and other providers. This support will continue whilst there is a need.
- Undertake research to identify barriers to digital participation and agree actions to increase the number of people in Perth and Kinross who can get online effectively and efficiently. The research was completed in the summer and the Action Plan was recently approved by the Digital Participation Working Group, a partnership led by the Council. The Action Plan covers the period up to the end of the 2023/24 financial year.
- Developing an integrated volunteer learning offer, linked to the Perth and Kinross Offer. This will be led by the Council and PKAVS to develop a coordinated and holistic approach to volunteering in Perth and Kinross, which supports the ethos of the Offer and will be in place by the end of this financial year.
- Delivering an integrated employability service across P&K, led by the Local Employability Partnership to support those furthest from job market to find and sustain work. This will involve bringing together a number of individuals support streams and services, with potential for co-location. A redesigned service should be in place by the end of this financial year.

5.3 The CPP Board will consider a final version of the LOIP on 9 September as will Full Council on 28 September 2022.

## **6. LOCALITY WORKING IN COUPAR ANGUS**

- 6.1 CPP Board has previously agreed to accelerate locality working in South Crieff and Coupar Angus, prioritising work in Coupar Angus first, due to current pressing issues and challenges faced by the area. The following points provide updates on these ongoing issues:
- **Forward Coupar Angus** – The Development Trust is in the process of being dissolved and as part of this, assets are in the process of being transferred to other community groups.
  - **Coupar Angus Town Hall** – Repair and maintenance work is continuing on the Town Hall, and it is estimated to re-open in December 2022.
  - **Coupar Angus Town Centre Plan** –work is ongoing on how best to support the production of a Town Centre Action Plan.

## **7. CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 7.1 The Climate Change Working Group, set up as the CPP's forum for collective action around climate change, met again in August. The meeting focused on individual updates from partners on organisational action plans and policy development around climate change. Updates covered a variety of issues including electrical vehicles, communications, energy advice, estate management and service provision.
- 7.2 The Working Group agreed to take a themed approach to future meetings, with the September meeting having a particular focus on transport and fleet management. The Working Group will provide an update on activity for the CPP Board meeting on 18 November.

## **8. FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS INITIATIVE**

- 8.1 A Statement of Intent has been published on the [Council website](#) outlining the current arrangements in place for offering free period products and detailing how the Council will meet the duties of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 by the deadline of 15 August 2022. CPP partners have been offered the opportunity to stock free period products at their organisation's premises and support the awareness raising campaign that will be launched in due course. To date, PKAVS have been particularly involved, supporting local groups to stock free products and running the Tampon Taxi through which individuals can have products delivered to their door.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 This is an update on Community Planning related activity in Perth and Kinross, since the last update on 15 June 2022, covering the LOIP, locality working, climate change and period dignity, which are outlined in the paper.

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- **APPENDICES – None**

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION, AND COMMUNICATION

|                                                     |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes / None</b> |
| Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Corporate Plan                                      | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                   |
| Financial                                           | <b>None</b>       |
| Workforce                                           | <b>None</b>       |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                   |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | <b>None</b>       |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | <b>None</b>       |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | <b>None</b>       |
| Legal and Governance                                | <b>None</b>       |
| Risk                                                | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | <b>None</b>       |
| External                                            | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>None</b>       |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The Improvement Actions identified in the report may impact all of the strategic objectives but are likely to be most relevant to:

- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable economy
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

#### Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The Improvement Actions identified in the report may impact all of the strategic objectives but are likely to be most relevant to:

- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable economy
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

- 2.1 Not applicable.

#### Workforce

- 2.2 Not applicable.

#### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

### **3. Assessments**

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Proposals that have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) are assessed as **not relevant** for EqIA.

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 Proposals have been considered under the Act, and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

- 3.3 Not applicable.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.4 Not applicable.

#### Risk

- 3.5 Not applicable.

### **4. Consultation**

#### Internal

- 4.1 Staff in Communities have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

#### External

- 4.2 Not applicable.

### **5. Communication**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 No additional documents have been relied on in preparing the report, other than those committee reports already referenced within the main body of the report.





## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

### Housing & Social Wellbeing Committee

7 September 2022

## ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2021/2022 – SCOTTISH HOUSING REGULATOR

**Report by Executive Director (Communities)**  
(Report No 22/202)

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To comply with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework, the Council must approve and submit an Annual Assurance Statement, giving assurance that it is meeting legislative and regulatory standards for social housing in Scotland. This report provides a brief overview of the Framework and appends the Annual Assurance Statement 2021/22 for approval by Committee.

| 2. RECOMMENDATIONS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2.1                | <p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) notes the requirement to submit an Annual Assurance Statement</li> <li>(ii) approves the Annual Assurance Statement as detailed in Appendix 2</li> </ul> |



### 3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Background
  - Section 5: Annual Assurance Statement Overview
  - Section 6: Evidence to Support the Annual Assurance Statement
  - Section 7: Tenant Assurance
  - Section 8: Self- Assessment
  - Section 9: Conclusion
  - Appendices

### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 All social housing landlords are required to publish an Annual Assurance Statement in line with guidance within the Scottish Housing Regulator's (SHR) published Regulatory Framework. The Framework details the SHR's statement on performance of functions, and sets out how they regulate Registered Social Landlords, as well as housing and homelessness services delivered by Local Authorities.

- 4.2 Within the Framework, the SHR carry out their work in the following broad ways:
- gathering and publishing data in ways that tenants and other stakeholders can use;
  - seeking assurance from landlords and acting where they need to;
  - undertaking thematic activity and scrutiny on specific areas of work and performance.
- 4.3 Central to their approach is landlords assuring themselves, their tenants and the SHR through landlord self-assurance.
- 4.4 Every Registered Social Landlord and Local Authority is responsible for delivering good outcomes and services for their tenants and service users. The SHR is clear that landlords must be self-aware, analytical, open and honest about their performance and identify and drive improvement activities.
- 4.5 When considering whether to engage with landlords, the SHR will initially consider what they have done to assure themselves that they are meeting regulatory requirements. In line with this requirement, all landlords must prepare an Annual Assurance Statement to confirm to their tenants and the SHR that they are meeting regulatory requirements.

## **5. ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

- 5.1 Since April 2019, there has been a requirement for all Local Authorities and Registered Social Landlords to submit an Annual Assurance Statement which must be agreed by the relevant Local Authority Committee. Statements should confirm the landlord's level of compliance with the requirements detailed within the Framework, including:
- all relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter;
  - all relevant legislative duties;
  - details of any areas of material non-compliance, briefly describing plans and a timeframe to improve.
  - confirmation that the relevant Local Authority Committee have seen and considered appropriate evidence to support the level of assurance.
- 5.2 A signed and unsigned copy of the Annual Assurance Statement must then be provided to the SHR, who will then make the unsigned version publicly available. There is also a requirement for landlords to ensure the Statement is easily, and readily, available for tenants.

5.3 During 2021/22, Perth and Kinross Housing Service complied with all but one regulatory requirement, as set out in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework. This confirms that we:

- achieved all the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services;
- complied with our legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety.

5.4 As a result of the ongoing impact of Covid-19, the Council did not materially comply with gas safety regulations, as the Housing Service missed 15 services (failures) during the reporting year – a challenge faced by many social landlords. These failures represent 0.2% of the 6,583 domestic gas services carried out in 2021/22 by the Service.

5.5 The 15 failures resulted from the Covid-19 restrictions and our need to effectively balance the health (covid) and safety (gas servicing) issues for our tenants. All but one failure was due to tenants shielding or self-isolating. One failure was due to our Gas contractor not attending a pre-arranged appointment. The appointment was scheduled for a weekend to suit the needs of our tenant. However, there was a miscommunication which resulted in the contractor not attending. This was addressed directly with the contractor and improvement actions put in place.

5.6 All 15 failures were completed within 14 days of the missed service, with most completed within 2 to 5 days.

5.7 To help minimise failures and provide reassurance to our tenants, we issued communications encouraging tenants to allow engineers access. We also provided information about the robust safety measures and risk assessments in place to protect both tenants and engineers.

5.8 In line with Health and Safety Executive guidance, the repair history of the boiler was analysed for all failures, to ensure there was no immediate danger to our tenants.

5.9 As restrictions have eased, good progress has been made, and through tenants' confidence in our arrangements and robust safety measures, this has meant that there are currently no outstanding gas services.

## **6. Evidence to Support Assurance 2021/22**

6.1 Our management and democratic structures, along with our processes are all designed to facilitate effective decision making, and the proper scrutiny of decisions and their impact, in terms of performance and the achievement of outcomes.

- 6.2 This is supported by a range of planning processes, ensuring we meet the needs of customers, and that targets for quality improvements are set and monitored. Individual Business Management & Improvement Plans set out detailed actions and outcomes for each Service and include performance indicators. This is underpinned by the statutory requirement on local authorities to produce a Local Housing Strategy and provide regular progress updates. This sets out our priorities and plans for the delivery of Scottish Housing Regulator Outcomes.
- 6.3 Service performance is reported regularly to the Housing Management Team, Communities Senior Management Team and Executive Leadership Team, as well as publicly through the Council's themed Committees and the Scrutiny and Performance Committee. Financial performance is publicly reported through the Finance and Resources Committee.
- 6.4 The evidence required by the SHR forms part of the self-assessment process, which informs in part, the Council's Annual Governance Statement. Appendix 1 details an overview of information that supports the Annual Assurance Statement.
- 6.5 On 1 April 2022, the SHR published its plans for engagement with all social landlords based on 2020/21 performance, including all 32 Local Authorities, across Scotland. Due to the impacts of Covid on households facing or experiencing homelessness, the SHR are again engaging with all Local Authorities this year to seek reassurance on their delivery of services for people facing homelessness. The SHR have noted that nationally Covid continues to have a significant impact on services provided by social landlords in 2022 and will continue to influence how services are provided in 2022/23. Therefore, the SHR will continue to monitor and assess how Local Authorities respond to these challenges.

## **7. Tenant Assurance**

- 7.1 The SHR has indicated that it is the responsibility of Committee to consider and approve the Annual Assurance Statement. There is no requirement for this to be approved by tenants. However, our tenants panel were consulted on this report and the Statement.
- 7.2 We held several digital interactive sessions with the Service User Review and Evaluation (SURE) Team, where the Housing Management Team presented an overview of the Service's performance for 2021/22 to enable them to assess the Service's performance and provide feedback on potential areas for improvement. This feedback will be used to support our Annual Landlord Performance Report and the Annual Assurance Statement.
- 7.3 In 2022, we commissioned independent market research company, Knowledge Partnership, to complete a tenant satisfaction survey on our behalf. The Knowledge Partnership carried out a mixture of face-to-face and telephone interviews with a selected sample of tenants.

- 7.4 The survey was carried out between 14 February 2022 and 1 April 2022 and 1,000 tenants were interviewed. Tenants were asked how satisfied they were with housing services against several national key indicators set by the Scottish Housing Regulator.
- 7.5 The survey results were largely positive, and a significant majority of our tenants (82.2%) are satisfied with the overall service they receive from Perth & Kinross Council as their landlord. The latest Scottish Council average for overall satisfaction is 76.8%.
- 7.6 This, together with our external scrutiny by the SURE Team, provides the required level of assurance from the tenants who receive and experience the services we deliver.

## **8. Self-Assessment**

- 8.1 During early 2022, the Service carried out a self-assessment, using the framework “How Good is our Service” to assess service delivery against the outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter. This assessment forms the basis of the Annual Assurance Statement, which is attached as Appendix 2.
- 8.2 The Scottish Housing Network also carried out a desktop review of our Annual Return Charter (ARC) performance prior to submission to the SHR. The feedback received was very positive. The findings of both assessments have been included within the overall Action Plan for the Service. In addition, on 29 July 2022, the SHR wrote to all 32 local authorities asking them to place a particular focus on reviewing practices regarding the collection of equalities information to ensure a human rights approach is adopted within the services they provide. We have included this focus within our Action Plan.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The Council's Housing Service continues to deliver high levels of service, with strong performance across all areas and ongoing high levels of tenant satisfaction, despite the ongoing impact and challenges faced by Covid. This has also been achieved in the context of maintaining our rents at affordable levels by having the fifth lowest local authority rents in Scotland, demonstrating our commitment to delivering a value for money service for our tenants. Throughout the year, Committee has received several key reports providing assurance that we are delivering and exceeding the standards required by the SHR (Appendix 1).

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| Barbara Renton | Executive Director (Communities) | 25 August 2022 |

**APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1 – Overview of information that supports the Annual Assurance Statement.
- Appendix 2 - Annual Assurance Statement.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes / None</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Corporate Plan                                      | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                   |
| Financial                                           | <b>No</b>         |
| Workforce                                           | <b>No</b>         |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | <b>No</b>         |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                   |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | <b>No</b>         |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | <b>No</b>         |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | <b>No</b>         |
| Legal and Governance                                | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Risk                                                | <b>No</b>         |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| External                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>Yes</b>        |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 This report supports the delivery of the Strategic Objectives within Perth and Kinross Community Plan/ (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) 2017-2027 and Corporate Plan 2018-2022. Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### Workforce

- 2.2 There are no workforce implications arising from this report.

#### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 There are no asset management implications arising from this report.

### 3. Assessments

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

(i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. No further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

- 3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council also has a duty relating to climate change and, in exercising its functions must act:
- in the way best calculated to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets;
  - in the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaptation programmes; and
  - in a way that it considers most sustainable.
- 3.4 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.5 Not applicable.

#### Risk

- 3.6 Not applicable.

### 4. Consultation

#### Internal

- 4.1 Heads of Service and senior managers from Communities have been consulted on the content of this report.



## External

- 4.2 Tenant Reports Panel noted that given the situation dealing with Covid, a failure of only 0.2% with regard to domestic gas services was really well done and show dedications from the whole team.

## **5. Communication**

- 5.1 The Annual Assurance Statement will be made publicly available.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 No background papers were relied upon during the preparation of this report.



**Detailed below is an overview of information to support the Annual Assurance Statement for 2021/22.**

- Local Housing Strategy 2016-2021 - the Annual Update and revised action plan on Perth and Kinross Local Housing Strategy 2016-2021 were noted by Committee on 8 September 2021 (Report 21/155 refers)
- The Strategic Housing Investment Plan was approved by Committee on 10 November 2021 (Report – 21/207 refers)
- Annual Performance Report 2020-21 Business Management and Improvement Plan 2021-22 was approved by Committee on 10 November 2021 (Report -21/160 refers)
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Strategic Financial Plan Incorporating the 5-year Capital Investment Programme and Rent Strategy to 2026/27, Reserves Strategy and other Housing Charges 2022/23 was approved by Committee 24 January 2022 (Report – 22/15 refers)
- Annual Performance Report for tenants – the Council is required to publicise to tenants, its performance against the 16 national Scottish Social Housing Charter outcomes. For the last six years our Service User Review and Evaluation (SURE) Team have scrutinised and provided detailed feedback on our performance. The overall outcome of this is included within the Annual Performance Report.  
[Housing Service performance - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/housing-service-performance)
- The Council's Annual Performance Report 2019/20 outlines the work undertaken across all Council services in 2019/20, as well as the Health and Social Care Partnership, to deliver the best services possible and better outcomes for our residents.  
[Service performance reports - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/service-performance-reports)
- The Corporate Plan 2018-2022 conveys the Council's vision for Perth and Kinross. Importantly it provides strategic direction for the organisation, informs decision making and facilitates prioritisation of activity and resources.  
[Council plans and strategies - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/council-plans-and-strategies)
- The Community Plan/Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2027 identifies the high-level strategic objectives the Council is working towards to meet local needs.  
[Community planning - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/community-planning)
- The Council reports on performance against indicators in the [Local Government Benchmarking Framework](https://www.gov.uk/government/frameworks/local-government), this data can be found on the [My Local Council portal](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/my-local-council-portal) which shows how Councils are performing across a range of council services with comparisons to other Local Authorities and the national average.
- We periodically publish our performance online as well as in our report. We are committed to analysing our performance as a Housing Service and reporting the results to our tenants. Our aim is to continually improve the services we provide to local people.  
[Housing Service performance - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/housing-service-performance)



## Appendix 2



### Our Annual Assurance Statement

We can advise that during 2021/22 Perth and Kinross Housing Service complied with all except one regulatory requirement as set out in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework. This confirms that we:

- achieved all the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services.
- complied with our legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety.

The Council did not materially comply with gas safety regulations, as the Housing Service did not complete 15 gas safety checks in 2021/22 by the anniversary date. All but one of these missed services were the result of Covid-19 restrictions due to tenants shielding or self-isolating. One was due to a miscommunication with the external contractor not attending at an agreed time.

All properties with gas now have updated gas safety checks and there are currently no outstanding gas services. We are confident that our obligations will be met during this year, where it is possible to do so.

We confirm that we have seen and considered sufficient evidence to give us this assurance.

We approved our Annual Assurance Statement at the meeting of our Housing & Communities Committee on Wednesday 7 September 2022.

I sign this statement on behalf of the Housing & Social Wellbeing Committee:

**Housing Convener's Signature:**

**Date:**



## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

### Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee

7 September 2022

#### LEASE OF NEW-BUILD HOUSING TO KINGDOM HOUSING ASSOCIATION

#### Report by Executive Director (Communities)

(Report No 22/203)

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of a new-build housing development of 18 flats on a Perth & Kinross Council owned site in Perth previously occupied by the Fairfield Community Centre. The report outlines the background to the development and the options that have been considered to transfer the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association.

| 2. RECOMMENDATIONS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 2.1                | <p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>notes the background to this development and the context which resulted in the development being progressed by Perth &amp; Kinross Council rather than Kingdom Housing Association.</li> <li>approves the proposal to lease the 18 flats to Kingdom Housing Association, subject to the terms outlined in this report.</li> </ul> |

### 3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:

- Section 4: Background
- Section 5: Proposals
- Section 6: Conclusion

### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In 2018, it was assessed that the Fairfield Community Centre was in a dangerous condition and needed to be demolished. The land on which the Community Centre was built was owned by Perth & Kinross Council (General Fund). The demolition progressed quickly, and the site was cleared and available for redevelopment by December 2018.

- 4.2 As our housing need demand analysis highlighted the demand for social housing, it was agreed the site would be used for the provision of affordable housing. As Fairfield Housing Co-operative owned and managed the social-rented housing in the immediate area, during 2018 discussions with the Co-operative made it clear, they were keen to take forward an affordable housing development on the site.
- 4.3 However, in December 2018, the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) intervened in Fairfield Housing Co-operative after identifying serious failures in relation to Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. This statutory intervention continued until December 2021 when Fairfield's properties, tenants and staff transferred to Kingdom Housing Association.
- 4.4 Due to the statutory intervention by the SHR, it was not possible at that time for Fairfield Housing Co-operative to take forward the housing development. As such, the land was transferred to the Housing Revenue account to enable the Council to take forward the development. This was on the basis that once SHR's intervention in Fairfield Housing Co-operative was resolved, consideration would be given to selling or leasing the completed units either to Fairfield Housing Co-operative or its successor.
- 4.5 By July 2021, the Council had accepted an offer of grant from the Scottish Government, gained planning approval and Building Warrant consent and had entered into a contractual agreement with a developer to build the 18 flats on the site at an agreed cost.
- 4.6 As there was clarity at this point about the transfer of Fairfield Housing Co-operative's assets to Kingdom Housing Association, consideration was given to aborting the Council's interest in developing the site, selling it to Kingdom Housing Association or continuing to develop the site and then selling or leasing the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association. This was communicated with the previous ward members and the then Housing Convener through regular updates on the transfer arrangements of Fairfield Co-operative to Kingdom Housing Association.
- 4.7 In view of how far the proposed development had progressed, there were unacceptable financial penalties and risks associated with aborting the Council's interest in developing the site. As such, the initial preferred option was to continue with the development and then sell the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association.
- 4.8 A formal request to the Scottish Government was submitted to re-appraise the grant funding for the project on this basis. In the response to this request, the Scottish Government advised that, as additional grant funding would be required, due to a housing association taking on the project, this did not offer value for money and therefore they were unwilling to consider a re-appraisal.



- 4.9 The remaining option, and one recommended by the Scottish Government, was for the Council to continue with the development and consider either leasing the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association or entering into a management agreement. From a detail options appraisal, it was decided that either of these options would enable the units to remain in Council ownership, but would provide a standardised service to tenants and consolidate Kingdom Housing Association's profile as the manager of the estate, given that the Council has no housing stock in this area.
- 4.10 The current position with the development is that work is progressing on-site with an estimated completion date of February 2023.

## **5. PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Council lease the 18 completed units on the site of the former Fairfield Community Centre to Kingdom Housing Association for a period of 30 years on a full repairing lease. The entry date will be determined by the completion of the units which is currently estimated to be February 2023, as noted above. An initial annual rent of £49,000 will be payable to the Council by Kingdom Housing Association, with the rent being revised annually in line with the Council's rent-setting procedure.
- 5.2 Council tenants will also be fully consulted on this proposal in line with our agreed Consultation process for the disposal of HRA assets policy and procedure.
- 5.3 Kingdom Housing Association are members of the Perth and Kinross Common Housing Register and have adopted the Common Allocations Policy. As such, the units will be allocated in the same way and from the same waiting-list as would be the case if they were being let directly by the Council.
- 5.4 Leasing the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association on a long-term basis will provide stability for the community in Fairfield which has endured uncertainty over the last few years as a result of the statutory intervention by the SHR and the transfer of assets to a new landlord. The community voted overwhelmingly in favour of the transfer to Kingdom Housing Association, following consultation in December 2021. This proposal will consolidate Kingdom Housing Association's position as estate manager, with no detrimental impact for the Council or for applicants looking to access social housing.

## 6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 This report outlines the background to the development of 18 flats for social-rent on the site previously occupied by the Fairfield Community Centre. The report explains the rationale for the way the development has been progressed and the options that have been considered to transfer the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association. Finally, the report recommends leasing the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association on a long-term basis to realise benefits, particularly for the local community.

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## APPENDICES - NONE.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes / None</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Corporate Plan                                      | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                   |
| Financial                                           | <b>No</b>         |
| Workforce                                           | <b>No</b>         |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | <b>No</b>         |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                   |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | <b>No</b>         |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | <b>No</b>         |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | <b>No</b>         |
| Legal and Governance                                | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Risk                                                | <b>No</b>         |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| External                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>Yes</b>        |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 This report supports the delivery of the Strategic Objectives within Perth and Kinross Community Plan/ (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) 2017-2027 and Corporate Plan 2018-2022. Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### Workforce

- 2.2 There are no workforce implications arising from this report.

#### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 There are no asset management implications arising from this report.

### 3. Assessments

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

(i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. No further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

- 3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council also has a duty relating to climate change and, in exercising its functions must act:
- in the way best calculated to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets;
  - in the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaptation programmes; and
  - in a way that it considers most sustainable.
- 3.4 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.5 Not applicable.

#### Risk

- 3.6 Not applicable.

### 4. Consultation

#### Internal

- 4.1 Heads of Service and senior managers from Communities have been consulted on the content of this report.

## External

- 4.2 In accordance with our Consultation on the disposal of HRA assets policy and procedure, if approval is given to lease the units, tenants will be fully consulted on the leasing arrangement to Kingdom Housing Association. The Tenant Reports Panel were also consulted on the contents of this report and noted that this proposal is quite clear, and the lease agreement will be of benefit to the Housing Revenue Account.

## **5. Communication**

- 5.1 In line with our Consultation on the disposal of HRA assets policy and procedure, our proposal for leasing the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association will be included within our website and other appropriate social media platforms.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 No background papers were relied upon during the preparation of this report.



**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee**

**7 September 2022**

**BOBBIN MILL GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE TRANSFER**

**Report by Executive Director (Communities)**  
(Report No 22/204)

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the agreed further consultation and engagement with residents of Bobbin Mill Gypsy/Traveller site and outlines the long-term benefits for residents from transferring the site from the Council's General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account. It also seeks approval for this transfer.

| <b>2. RECOMMENDATION</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2.1                      | <p>It is recommended that Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approves the transfer of Bobbin Mill Gypsy/Traveller site from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</li> </ul> |

**3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT**

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:

- Section 4: Background
- Section 5: Proposal
- Section 6: Financial Implications
- Section 7: Consultation and Engagement
- Section 8: Conclusion

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 In March 2022, Housing and Communities Committee approved the transfer of Double Dykes, Gypsy/Traveller site, to the HRA (Report No. 22/63 refers) and noted the ongoing consultation with residents of Bobbin Mill Gypsy/Traveller site. The background information within this report remains relevant for the purpose of this report.
- 4.2 Bobbin Mill is located a short distance away from Pitlochry town centre in a private woodland area. Bobbin Mill has been in existence since 1947 and was set up as a Gypsy/Traveller housing project by the Scottish Office Department of Health and the Church of Scotland. The land was leased to the then County Council for a term of 99 years by Cluniemore Estates (now Pitlochry Estates). At that time, the provision consisted of a former Army Training Cadet hut,

which was converted to provide 4 one-bedroom apartments with a cold-water supply, a fire and sink and toilet facilities.

- 4.3 In September 2010, the site was upgraded to provide 6 three-bedroom chalet accommodation. This was undertaken in conjunction with Pitlochry Estates and funding was accessed from the Scottish Government.
- 4.4 Residents on the site have an occupancy agreement with Perth & Kinross Council and pay a weekly rental of £73.08 at Bobbin Mill (over 52 weeks) to the Council. The residents are also required to pay Council Tax.
- 4.5 Bobbin Mill is held on the General Fund, and the Housing Service is responsible for the management of the site. This includes allocation of the chalets, tenancy management, rent collection and managing rent arrears, and repairs and maintenance of the chalets on site.
- 4.6 Each year when it comes to budget setting, the General Fund faces many competing priorities from across all areas of the Council and can be subject to reductions in funding. Unlike the General Fund, the HRA is not subject to the same level of reductions and in the main is self-financing, as it is funded through the rents that tenants pay.
- 4.7 As the account for the site is separate from the wider HRA account, residents do not benefit from the wider pooling of rents and the ability to deliver longer term planned improvements, such as planned maintenance and capital improvements.
- 4.8 The rent levels and rent structure at Bobbin Mill is not fully aligned with HRA tenants.
- 4.9 During 2007 to 2011, £174,000 of investment (net of Scottish Government Grant) was spent on improving Bobbin Mill to ensure it continued to meet the minimum site standards. This investment was funded through prudential borrowing on the General Fund and there is still approximately £77,000 of outstanding debt on the site.

## **5. PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 Through the provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and the introduction of the Scottish Social Housing Charter, it has been made clear that the provision and management of a Gypsy/Traveller site is a housing function. There are several challenges with the existing arrangements as detailed above. It is, therefore, proposed that the site at Bobbin Mill is transferred from the General Fund to the HRA.
- 5.2 As the HRA can provide a secure platform for building a long-term financial strategy, transferring the site to the HRA would enable any future works and capital spend to be made through the HRA Capital or Planned Maintenance programmes. It would also provide the ability to provide match funding, should further opportunities regarding additional funding to improve Gypsy/Traveller sites become available.



- 5.3 There will be no change to the structure or type of services provided to residents. There will be an enhancement to the services provided, in terms of a planned maintenance programme for the chalets and the site, and an opportunity for residents to access the same level of support and assistance that is on offer to HRA tenants. In addition, a review of the rent structure would be undertaken to ensure alignment with other HRA tenants.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 As noted in section 4.9, there is currently outstanding debt of £77,000 on the site. It is proposed to transfer this debt from the General Fund to the HRA as part of the overall transfer.
- 6.2 The loan charges associated with this debt will be met by the income paid by the current residents of the site. There would be no negative financial implications on current HRA tenants as a result of this transfer.
- 6.3 Once the site is transferred, all future costs associated with the delivery of services, repairs and capital expenditure will be contained within HRA budgets.

## **7. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

- 7.1 As a social housing landlord, we are required to consult with tenants and residents when making changes which may impact on their tenancy or the way in which they access our services and seek their opinions. To ensure we fully consulted with the residents of Bobbin Mill, the following actions were taken:
- individual letters were sent to all residents providing information on the transfer and contact details should they have any specific queries or concerns
  - 3 separate offers to meet with residents were provided, including visits to the site and telephone discussions
  - the development of a question-and-answer guide around the transfer and the impact on the existing arrangements was developed and hand delivered to all residents
  - Independent advice and support were offered from the Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project (MECOPP) and legal advice from the Ethnic Minority Law Centre
  - a dedicated officer identified for residents to approach if they required further information or advice.
- 7.2 In January 2022, as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, an initial virtual meeting was set up to discuss the transfer with all residents, at which only one former resident attended.
- 7.3 Two further face to face meetings were arranged at a time and date to suit residents, particularly those with individual caring and work commitments. Both these meetings were cancelled at the request of the residents with them indicating they would consider the documentation provided and respond directly.

- 7.4 As no responses were received, a final letter was sent to all residents advising them of the intention to seek Committee approval and a deadline given for their feedback to be included in the report. A request for a meeting was received and officers met some of the residents to discuss the transfer. Reassurance was provided on the issues they raised, particularly in terms of their right to travel.
- 7.5 Wider tenant consultation and engagement, in accordance with our tenant agreed Framework, has taken place. There were no issues or concerns in relation to the proposal.

## 8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report outlines the benefits for residents at Bobbin Mill around the transfer of their site to the HRA. These benefits will not only enhance the services residents will receive, but also provide a more secure financial platform to allow us to deliver the Scottish Government's vision in relation to Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Travellers.
- 8.2 Having a long-term financial planning approach to continuing to improve the site, in partnership with residents, will also allow us to have meaningful engagement, which is a consistent approach across all the Council's housing stock.

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#### Legal and Governance

- 3.5 Head of Legal and Governance was consulted on this report.

#### Risk

- 3.6 Not applicable.

### 4. Consultation

#### Internal

- 4.1 Heads of Service and senior managers from Communities have been consulted on the content of this report.

## External

- 4.2 All current residents at Bobbin Mills have been consulted on this proposal. The Tenant Committee Report Panel was consulted on this report. They commented that they were encouraged that after some challenges, the transfer is to take place.

## **5. Communication**

- 5.1 None.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 Double Dykes, Gypsy/Traveller site, to the HRA ([Report No. 22/63 refers](#)).

